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Victoria gets World final!

By LAURIE SCHWAB

THE final of the 1981 FIFA world youth tournament for the Coca Cola Cup will almost certainly be played in Melbourne.

Matches in the series between the 16 finalists will be spread between Newcastle, Canberra, Melbourne, Sydney, Adelaide and Brisbane.

The tournament will last for about 19 days and the ideal time would be in May.

Australia was decided upon as the venue for the 1981 finals during discussions between Australian Soccer Federation and FIFA officials in Sydney on Monday.

The FIFA officials are Mr Sepp Blatter and vice-president Mr Harry Cavan. They were on their way to Japan for the draw for this year's youth tournament finals.

Australia failed to qualify for the finals. Paraguay won the remaining vacancy (see separate story).

Australia was under close consideration two years ago as host nation for this year's finals but when Japan was chosen instead, FIFA indicated that Australia would be the front-runner for the 1981 tournament.

As host nation, the Australian team will automatically qualify for the 1981 finals.

**Dunlop
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Dunlop Footwear will announce a major sponsorship programme of Australian soccer in Sydney on February 27.

Dunlop, a division of Dunlop Australia Limited, has invited soccer officials and Press men from throughout Australia to attend a function at the Boulevard Hotel, where details of the sponsorship will be announced.

The marketing development manager of Dunlop Footwear, Mr Jim Mercer, says he believes the sponsorship is the "first of its kind of soccer in the world."

NOT A SINGLE GOAL

From PEDRO BLANCA

ASUNCION, Paraguay — Australia failed to score a single goal in the World Youth Championship qualifying tournament against Paraguay and Israel here.

The young Socceros drew 0-0 with Israel and lost 0-3 to Paraguay in their last two matches. Paraguay's victory was its third in a row and gave it a place in the finals along with the USSR, Japan, Poland, Hungary, Yugoslavia, Spain, Portugal, Mexico, Canada, South Korea, North Korea, Guinea, Algeria, Uruguay and Argentina.

The finals will be played from August 25 to September 7 at Osaka, Hiroshima and Kobe in Japan.

The Paraguayans defeated Australia 2-0 in the opening game of the series on February 7. Australia and Israel tied 0-0 in the second game on February 9. Paraguay beat Israel 3-0 in the third game and Australia and Israel played a second scoreless draw in the fourth game. (The result of the second Paraguay vs. Israel match was not available at press time.)



• Footscray J.U.S.T. emerged as Victoria's team of the moment when it beat Fitzroy 3-2 in a practice match last Sunday while South Melbourne lost 1-2 to Canberra. SAM BELFONTE'S photos from those matches show, top left: Canberra's Koni Kawaleva consoling goalkeeper

Steve Hoszowski after Souths had taken a 1-0 lead; top right: Footscray's new goalkeeper Steve Potter (ex-Swansea) making a spectacular save, and, bottom: Duncan Cummings (No. 8) scoring for South Melbourne. Others in the picture, from left: Luis Salgado, goalkeeper Heazowski, Kawaleva, Isaac Farrell, Alan Evans.

George Cross kicked off Olympic Park

George Cross, once the pride of Australian soccer, does not have a home ground for the 1979 season.

The 1964 Australian Cup winner has had its application for continued use of Olympic Park refused by the ground's committee of management.

Successful applicants are Fitzroy and Footscray for the main stadium and Juventus and Essendon-Croatia for the greyhound track.

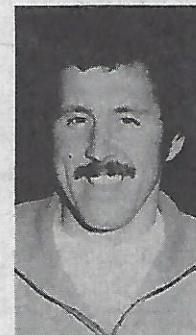
George Cross vice president Alf Zahra said this week: "We are bitterly disappointed. We were told only that our application had been refused. We were given no reason."

Mr Zahra said he would ask Footscray J.U.S.T. president Mr Tony Kovac whether George Cross could use Schintler Reserve as its 1979 home ground.

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Ray Richards

Richards joins APIA

Ray Richards, the man with the longest throw in Australian soccer, has transferred to APIA after 10 years with Marconi.

He is one of Australia's longest-serving internationals, having played in the 1973-74 World Cup, on the 1967 Asian tour, the 1970 world tour and the 1972 Asian tour.

Richards dropped out of Marconi's team due to a personal clash with the then coach Rale Basic, last year.

However, Marconi's new coach Les Scheinflug announced only last week that he hoped soon to have Richards back in the team, so no one had expected his transfer to APIA.

Richards lost two stone after a recent operation to his jaw, and says it will take him only two or three weeks to reach peak fitness.

He said he had no real intention of playing this season, but decided to get back into action as Scheinflug's request.

But when Scheinflug went to the committee, it voted that Richards should not come back "at the moment."

"In other words, they wanted me to hang around waiting to see how the team fared," Richards said.

"After 10 years with Marconi, it is hard to sever ties. I still have lots of friends there, but there are a few men in high places who are against me. Had it not been for one committee member in particular, I may have stayed with the club."

There was no fee involved in Richards' transfer to APIA.

"Jim Adam (APIA's coach) is really a strong squad, so it will be hard for me to break into the team. They've got Peter Stone in midfield, as well as Brian O'Donnell who I predict will be a sensation this year. There's also Eric Curthoys who's an excellent player."



Lets' stop kidding the public

Over the past few years, we have seen few touring teams with real flair, real commitment.

Wisia Krakow, for example, came with a big reputation but did little to justify our expectations.

In their 1-1 draw with South Australia in Adelaide last week, the Polish players were happy just to push the ball around to one another for 45 minutes without doing anything creative or enter-

tain.

Perhaps South Australia could not have them in, but what is still without point?

One would applaud the Polish skills and their many one-twos if they walked the ball into the net five or six times but the truth is that for the last half hour against South Australia, they were fighting for survival.

The spectators are charged \$3.00 to see them? They will be kidded no longer!

We saw by the low attendances at Wisla's games that the public now demands only the very best.

So we must give them the best, regardless of the cost.

Let's have a quick look at the teams that have visited Australia in recent years. Some have provided value, but too many have disappointed.

Red Star played champagne football on its first tour in early 1977 and Celtic was extremely impressive the same year because of the Scott's honesty and total commitment to the game.

Velez Mostar (1976) was a good team in patches because it had some exciting individuals, but

Hearts of Midlothian (1976) was an insult to the Australian public.

Glasgow Rangers (1975) of the same year was one of the best outfits to have graced these shores.

The very best, however, was Cruzeiro of Brazil (1972) which I still rate as the most exciting team every seen in Australia.

Portuguese, Wolves, Benfica, Middlesbrough, Legia Warsaw, and others were only ordinary.

The USSR and Greece also played pedestrian football but at least they were national representative teams (albeit not the best available).

Let's go back in 1973 that the Socceros should play only against national teams — not against club sides. It does little for our prestige to beat a touring club side, but it certainly damages our standing if we lose to one, as we so often do.

What's more, it is now quite commonplace for club teams to defeat national sides. Hajduk Split, for example, beat the USSR 3-0, yet the USSR was able to beat Yugoslavia 4-2.

If national teams are not available from Europe or South America, we should play against Asian countries, and put everything we have into promoting such matches.

It would certainly benefit the Socceros to play against teams like Indonesia, Burma and South Korea, for it is against these teams that we have to play in the World Cup qualification.

At the moment we are completely out of touch with what is happening in those countries. They play against each other regularly, but it pays them to remain isolated from Australia.

They're shrewd. They can easily send an expert here to have a look at the Socceros playing at home and to compile a dossier on us.



RALE BASIC

They can rely also on information from members of their own communities living in Australia.

Who in Australia soccer knows what is happening with the national teams of Iraq, Iran, South Korea, Indonesia? Who knows what is happening in the Asian Cup, the Asian Games, the Merdeka tournament or what will happen in the Presidential Cup tournament in Korea?

I bet the Asians know what's happening with our national team!

Cha Bum Keun, the South Korean wizard who has been the best player in the Asian region for



Australia and South Korea line up for their World cup match at the Sydney Sports Ground in 1977. Australia should play more games against Asian teams and forget about matches against overseas clubs.

almost eight years, was recently signed by West German Bundesliga club **Darmstadt**, after one of its scouts had seen him playing in an Asian tournament.

Cha Bum Keun should have been signed by an Australian club instead.

One of the Iranian players who played against Australia in the World Cup games of 1977 has signed with the New York Cosmos. Why didn't an Australian club make a bid for him?

The answer is that we still regard ourselves as being in a world community separate from Asian men should we compete against Asia in the World Cup?

We must come closer together, and in doing so we must educate the Australian public that they will get more value from a game between Australia and South Korea, Burma or Indonesia, than they would from a game between Australia and an ordinary overseas club side.

Of course there is always room for tours by the real elite of world football. Anyone would be willing to pay \$10 to watch Cruzeiro, Celtic, Manchester United, Liverpool, Moenchengladbach, Real Madrid or Juventus for example.

Being the coach of Adelaide City, I was extremely pleased to see John Nyskohus playing so brilliantly for South Australia in its 1-1 draw with Wisla Krakow.

Nyskohus has the reputation of being an "off and on" player, but at training with Adelaide City, and in the game against Wisla, he has shaken himself free of that reputation.

As well as being a dangerous forward against Wisla, Nyskohus also looked after that brilliant full back, **Marek Motyla** and prevented him from doing the damage he had done to Australia, Queensland, and Victoria in earlier matches.

In my opinion, Nyskohus was by far the best player on the ground.

Goalkeeper **Martyn Crook** of West Adelaide also had a phenomenal game. **Vic Bozanic** was good at left back and **Ian McGregor** did a lot of work in attack.

South Australia easily could have won the game in the second half.

The enthusiasm of a group of Adelaide City players must be unique in Australia. These men are training five mornings a week from 6.30 to 8.15, before going to work.

The senior players among them are **Geoff Macochi**, **Brian Northcote**, **Bobby Russell** and **Sergio Metta**. They are accompanied by youngsters **Charlie Vellani**, **Steve Whitehead** and **Lucianon Signore**.



Manfred Schaefer, who demoralised the Wolves attack in Australia's 1-0 win in 1972, is pictured robbing Derek Dougan of the ball. Rale Basic rates that Wolves team as "ordinary."



The great Tostao leads his team-mates over hurdles at Olympic Park during Cruzeiro's tour of 1972. Rale Basic rates Cruzeiro as the most exciting team to have visited Australia.



John Nyskohus (left), pictured in World Cup action against Kazerani of Iran. Nyskohus was the best player in South Australia's 1-1 draw with Wisla Krakow.

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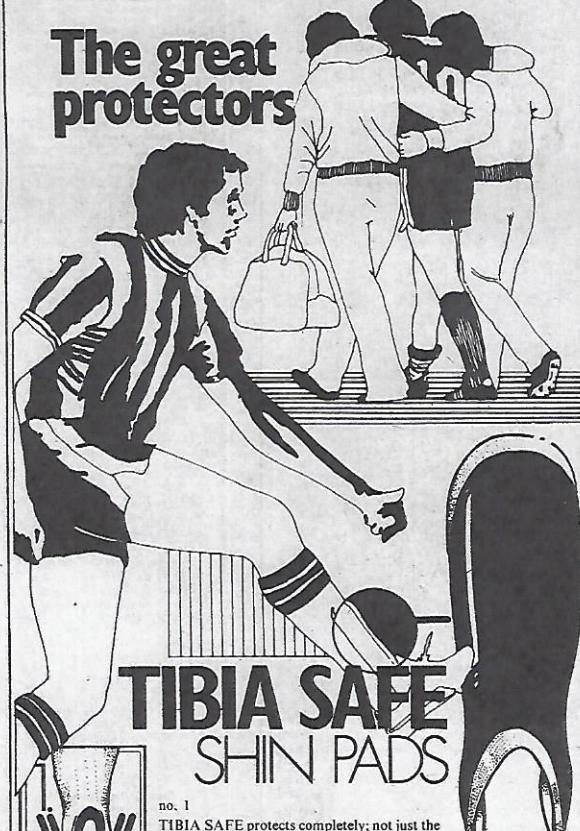
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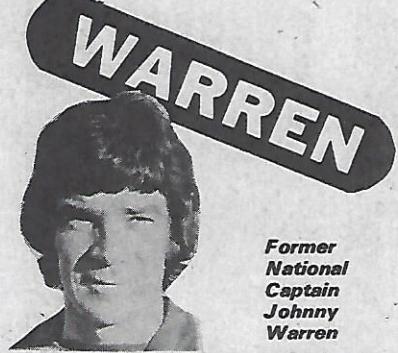
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Sydney City takes soccer to country

Sydney City plans to take its PSL squad to the country centres of NSW during the 1979 season.

City will play a series of matches in the country when time permits, to be during the planned mid season break or at the end of the season.

The club has already accepted invitations to play exhibition matches in Coffs Harbour on the NSW coast and at Picton, 50 miles south of Sydney.

City sees its country exhibition matches as excellent public relations for the club and soccer in the almost totally-neglected country areas.

The invitations for both matches came from former First Division stars **Ray Gardiner** and **Ron Tised**.

Tised, the former Arsenal and Canberra City star is currently manager/coach of the ambitious Coffs Harbour team which will play in the Northern NSW State League proposed for next year.

Tised, in his position as fulltime coach of Coffs, is involved heavily in establishing the code in the prosperous Northern NSW city.

Gardiner is the former Hakoah star now working in Picton and also coaching the area's top team.

Gardiner formed an impressive central defensive combination with former Soc-

ceroo **Allan Marnoch** in the late sixties and is now making a fine contribution to the game's development in Picton.

Sydney city will take its full PSL squad on these country promotions and apart from the game itself will involve its players in junior coaching programmes and other promotional activities.

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Many people have inquired about City's new emblem which will be worn on match-day shirts, team uniforms and other club promotions.

The design for the badge is similar to the coat of arms of the City of Sydney with the addition of the 'Harbour Bridge' in the top half of the design and the words Sydney City on the bottom half.

The symbol denotes the fact that Sydney is a marine city and the symbol has the blessing of the club's ardent fan and supporter, the Lord Mayor of Sydney, **Alderman Nelson Meers**.

The Lord Mayor will be the club's special guest at its first home game of the season when Sydney city meets Adelaide City on Sunday March 18 at Wentworth Park.



George Wallace

How to solve the transfer problem

By LAURIE SCHWAB

There are two possible solutions to the Victorian problem of players moving back and forth between PSL and Victorian Federation teams.

They are:

1. A PSL permit system. The PSL could allow promising Federation players to play in their club's PSL side under a special permit. At the moment, the PSL requires that all players in the team be fully registered with the league.

2. Dual registration. The senior players of a PSL club could be asked by the club to sign not only PSL registration forms, but also State Federation forms, enabling the players to compete in both competitions. The VSF would however, restrict its Federation teams to only two or three such players at any one time.

In the first two years of the PSL, there have been major problems associated with PSL clubs bringing players up from their Federation teams.

To use a Federation player in the PSL side, the club had to have him registered with the PSL, meaning he needed a clearance from the Federation.

When the PSL team was done with him, he could not return to the Federation team more than once, as this would require a second transfer, and under Federation rules, a player is entitled to only one transfer a season.

Talks between officials of the Federation and of the PSL clubs — South Melbourne, Fitzroy and Footscray — are expected to take place before the PSL kicks off its 1979 season on March 10.

HELLAS JOINS TWO SQUADS

South Melbourne Hellas' Second Division team will have closer ties with the club's national league X1 after major changes implemented by Manager Dave Maclaren.

The two sides will train together, and the club hopes PSL squad members will not miss a place in the first team, which will play in the Second Division side.

The changes would give more flexibility and make it possible for a player good enough to progress through the ranks at South Melbourne. Since 1977, the start of the national league, this had not been possible.

"Last season and the year before that," said Maclaren, "there was no contact between the national league and Second Division teams."

Maclaren said the situation became a problem when a player like **Steve Kakantoni**, who came into Hellas' first team from the second team, could not return to the lower league and spent the remainder of the year on the bench for the PSL side.

"Hopefully, the problem will be

solved," said Maclaren, "and players will be able to have dual registration, one with the VSF and one with the PSL."

Eight quality youngsters will be selected from the Second Division side to train with the 17 players in the PSL team. They will train together under my staff coaches and the two teams will be selected from these players.

"It's all open. Each week there are 25 players in the running for the 11 places in the PSL first team."

Maclaren said 14 players would be selected for PSL games, leaving 11 for the Second Division side.

Maclaren's coaching staff is **Steve Walker**, former Hellas and Juventus player **Bill Curran**, a successful coach of Victorian State junior teams, and **Michael Watson**, a physical fitness ex-

SUPER TEAM TO TOUR VICTORIA?



The Victorian Soccer Federation hopes to bring a "truly star-studded" European team to Australia next year, Federation secretary Mr George Wallace said this week.

He declined to name the team, but it is believed to be in the calibre of Liverpool, Bayern Munich, Feyenoord, Moenchengladbach, PSV Eindhoven, AEK Athens, Juventus and Panathinaikos.

Mr. Wallace said the VSF and the NSW Federation hoped also to have an overseas team touring in May. West Bromwich Albion, Aston Villa and Nottingham Forest are three clubs under consideration.

Success of negotiations depends upon the match fee sought by the prospective tourists.

The VSF broke about even on its match against Wisla Krakow, whereas both the NSW and Queensland Federations

ations are reported to have lost money on the tour.

Mr. Wallace responded to a challenge issued by South Melbourne Hellas' president Sam Papasavas last week.

Mr. Papasavas, angry that only four PSL players — Joe Piscione, Jim Tansley, Chris Kalafatis and Jimmy Rooney — were in the opening Victorian line-up that met Wisla, challenged the State team to meet Hellas at Middle Park on March 3.

"It's ludicrous to expect Victoria to accept challenges from clubs," Mr. Wallace said.

"However, if the State coach, with the approval of the State Squad Committee, wished to play practice games against clubs as preparation for future competition, then that could happen."

Mr. Papasavas states that there were not enough PSL players in the Victorian selection.

The truth is, there were six PSL players on the team sheet, the others being Peter Laumets, the most expensive goalkeeper in Australia, and Gary Cole, who came on as a substitute.

"Also, the squad had to be changed around by coach Len McKendry after three PSL players, Theo Selemidis, George Christopoulos and Alan Davidson, were required to leave earlier than had been expected, with the national under 19 squad.

"Clearly, the Victorian coach went for a blend of youth and experience."

Victoria's next match is against a Morwell selection as part of the Morwell Festival on March 31. However,

the Victorian selection will not be the same as the one that played against Wisla, as some of the players may be required by their clubs for Docker cup games.

On Monday, April 16, Victoria travels to Adelaide to meet South Australia, which drew 1-1 with Wisla Krakow last week.

Victoria is also due to play against AC Milan in June.



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Richmond, Austria shine in new Cup

The Tommy Burns Memorial Cup has replaced the Cumberland Cup as the pre-season knock-out competition for Metropolitan League clubs.

Cumberland Newspapers, which had sponsored the pre-season cup several years, dropped its backing after managerial difficulties.

Tommy Burns passed away last year after serving Victorian soccer as a referee and a leading administrator.

The cup ties are 90 minutes each way, with extra time of 10 minutes each way in the event of a draw. Penalties will be taken if the teams are still tied after extra time.

The draw for the first main round is:

Fawcett v Kellar Austria: Bell Park v Frankston Pines 2, Park Rangers v Footscray Gully; Moreland Falcons v Box Hill,

Richmond v Moorabark Utd.; Broadmeadows City v Cheltenham; Waverley v Ringwood City; Yallourn v Western Suburbs.

Preliminary round results: TOMMY BURNS MEMORIAL CUP. Preliminary Round. — Park Rangers d Knox City 2-1; Ringwood City d Collingwood City 4-1; Rich, d Springvale City 5-0; Aust. d P't Melb. 5-4; Don. Rovers d Frankston 2-4; Wav. v G. Bright, w/o. Kell. 1-0; d Bell Hill 3-2; Wav. City d Cob. 2-1; Chel. d Dandenong Uni 5-1; Fawk. d Monash Uni 4-1.

DONCASTER ROVERS 4 (Forsyth, 2, Anscombe 2) FRANKSTON PINES 2 (Malcolm 2) a.e.t. Best players: Wil-

liams, Copeland, Forsyth, Anscombe (Donc); Malcolm (Pines).

Doncaster Rovers had to battle into extra time to overcome Frankton Pines.

Pines built up a 2-0 lead in the first half with some aggressive soccer. George Malcolm scored both goals.

But after the interval, Doncaster hit back with goals from Robert Forsyth and Amelio Anscombe to level the scores within 10 minutes.

The score was deadlocked until the second half of extra time when a penalty from Forsyth and a solo effort from Anscombe wrapped the game up for Doncaster.

The following day, Doncaster played Fibremakers of the Industrial League in the JNB Trophy organised by Moorabark.

Rovers won 7-0 with five from Forsyth and two from Anscombe. But for the Fibremakers goalkeeper Alan Davis, the score would have been a lot higher.

PARK RANGERS 2 (Hargreaves, 2) KNOX CITY 1 (Davies). Best players: Gerrish, Mila, Weston (Knox); Doggett, Clancy, West (Rangers).

Park Rangers caused an upset by eliminating Second Division Knox City from the Tommy Burns Cup.

Rangers' determination and steaming won it for them in the end but the Third Division outfit proved it has the ability to play good soccer.

Rangers played new signings John Wallace (ex Moreland) and Barry Horstall (ex George Cross).

Expo foot tennis

Philips League and State League stars will be featured in a display of foot tennis at Sports Expo at the Melbourne Exhibition Buildings from tomorrow (Thursday).

The players include Billy Vojtek (Ajax), Uli Pfisterer (Juventus), Alun Evans, Ken Drakeford (St Melb), Gary Cole and Pat Bannon (Fitzroy).

Split wins at Eltham

A. R. Split proved once again it is a specialist at six-a-side soccer.

The Industrial League team, which has won every six-a-side tournament it has entered in the past 12 months, carried off the inaugural Eltham Trophy.

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Tony Scicuna and No. 13, Robert Mirak (inset) express the despair felt through the George Cross team as this late chance missed against Ajax. Brian Thom and Mirak are the attackers, Lou Demys the goalkeeper. Pictures by SAM BELFONTE.

HAKOAH 2
ALTONA 1

Scorers: Wetters (A) 15th, Bozinoval (H) 59th, Gadeby (H) 68th.

Crowd: Kim Reserve, Altona.

Weather: fine and sunny.

Referee: Dimitrius Fokianos 6.

Ratings: **HAKOAH ST KILDA:** 7, **Gadeby:** 6, **Wetters:** 8, **Gibson:** 7, **Jordanou:** 6, **Blair:** 6, **Nagy:** 7, **Rooney:** 5 (Bozinoval 42nd min.), **Edmondson:** 6 (Allison 55th min.). Total: 73.

ALTONA CITY: van der Poel 7, Lewis 6, Kelly 6, Murray 6, Train 5, Banagan 6, Wetters 7, Gibson 5 (J. Little 58th min.), Ignatious 6, Little 6, Delusa 6 (Allison 64).

A goal by Steve Gadeby less than a minute before the final whistle maintained Hakoah's 100% record in the Ampol Cup but the 2-1 scoreline doesn't give a true indication of the game.

Altona, after a reasonable first half, played extremely poorly for the last 45 minutes and it was only Hakoah's lack of fire power in the forward line that kept the winning margin so slim.

With striker Mike Clancy sidelined after a knee cartilage operation, Hakoah's attack was further depleted by the suspension of Graham French.

French was absent off in a practice match against the Victorian State team after clashing with John Gardiner of Essendon Croatia. Playing with 10 men, Hakoah drew 2-2 with Victoria.

Hakoah's makeshift forward line included two wingers and a midfielder. Late in the game, coach Frank McRae made two substitutions of forward players, but still Hakoah struggled.

Les Nagy was the only Hakoah forward who looked dangerous.

Sean Rooney, at centre forward, and **Gerry Edmondson** on the left flank were never comfortable in their new positions and both were benched.

Bruno Bozinoval impressed after coming on with the way he was prepared to hold the ball, then look up for an opening. He also scored Hakoah's equaliser.

Many Hakoah attacks broke down in the final stage and the wings were used sparingly.

Not one of Hakoah got a player in behind the Altona defence. Really, the Hakoah forwards lacked system and kept trying to work the ball into the heart of the defence in the hope of creating something.

This was made hard by Altona, which used a strict offside trap.

Hakoah was dismally stopped when, following a corner or short Altona defenders rushing out en masse. The only way to beat the offside trap is for the player with the ball to go on his own. Only one player — **Gadeby** — managed to burst through the trap, but keeper **Hans van der Poel** came out and pushed the defenders' drive onto the post.

Altona's defence, the second half was woeful. The team defended for most of the half, having only one shot at goal.

Altona's midfield stopped in the second half. There's nothing else you can say when linkmen spend half a game watching their opponents, occasionally chase a loose ball, but totally starve their forward.

But the class of players like **Nick Rokavelis**, easily Hakoah's best player, **Gibson** and **Jordanou** set Hakoah back on the right track.

The St Kilda team slowed down and pushed the ball around. Soon it controlled the middle of the field.

Chances came thick and fast, before Bozinoval equalised.

With the minutes ticking away, it looked as though Altona would steal a point. But a twice-taken free kick did the trick for Hakoah.

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In George Cross determined

fight back, **Tony Scicuna** hit the side netting in a move started by Wilkinson and **Fausto Tarquinio** played an intelligent game in his

midfield.

However, **Claude Lucchesi**

remains the only midfielder willing to move consistently into attack. If the others don't follow his example, Juventus will continue finding it difficult to score goals.

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FRANKSTON 4
ALBION 1CROATIA 2
SLAVIA 0

Scorers: G. Bannon (F. 20th, 65th Mitten (F) 54th, 69th Greechan (A) 9th
Crowd: about 200.
Ground: Kincardin Reserve, Altona.
Weather: fine and sunny
Cautions: Greechan (A), Adams (F).
Referee: Evan Venios 6
Ratings:
FRANKSTON CITY: Peter-
son 7, V. Bannon 6, McClosky 7, Adams 7, Tulloch 7, G. Bannon 7, Webster 7, Brown 7 (Savege 61st min), Swinmose 7, Mitten 7, Coulson 8. Total: 77.

ALBION ROVERS: Johnson 8, Nisbet 8, Blair 6, Wark 8, Gatt 7, AcNeil 5, Stevens 7, McIntyre 6, D'Sylva 7, Greechan 5, McLeod 5 (All-
old 58th min) Total: 71.

The build of Willie Coulson and Steve Stevens is athletic, but the blonde midfield duo could well prove to be Frankston city's prime mover this season.
Coulson's cultured left foot set up two of Frankston's four goals against Albion and created numerous openings in between.

Frankston coach **Freddy Dunn** had a hard night ahead for Coulson, who followed him from Ringwood City this season, that he is prepared to give Coulson a free run of the park.

In Frankston's two Ampol Cup games, Coulson has performed mainly in the left wing area. However, against Albion, Coulson did most of his good work behind the forward line.

In the 26th minute he dissected the Albion rearguard with a diagonal ball from near the edge of the penalty area, which allowed midfielder **Ged Bannon** to make a run around the back of the defence and score from an acute angle.

Five minutes from the end, Coulson knocked a ball into space in the penalty area after seeing Ged Bannon making a run from midfield. Bannon was unable to control the ball but stuck out a foot, which sent the ball flying over the head of unlucky Albion goalkeeper **Bill Johnson** for Frankston's third goal.

Coulson's success this season will depend on how well he can shake off markers and find space.

Frankston played its new English striker **Kevin Swinmose** and he made an impressive debut. He has the strength to shield the ball and is quick to lay off a pass.

Noel Mitten moved well up front and two goals would keep any striker happy.

But Frankston will be hoping to get **Mike Bannon** forward more. The right flank in attack is left open for his overruns from full back but against Albion the State representative made only one effective dash forward.

Overall, Frankston gave a satisfactory performance. The team's midfielders were far more mobile than in the previous Ampol Cup game against Slavia and worked more closely to allow short-passing spectacles.

Bannon and Webster were getting into forward positions while **Abe Brown** did a lot of fetching and supporting without looking spectacular.

Frankston's defence, which included two new faces — **Danny McClosky** and **Bob Adams** — from the one which faced Slavia, was appreciably tighter.

But pace is still not a strong point of the backmen, and the speed of **Mike D'Sylva** and substitute **Djali All-Aldi** showed up this weakness.

Albion can take heart from the performances of **Bill Johnson**, **Alex Warke** and **Gordon Stevens**.

Johnson is steady as a rock in goal and was excellent against Frankston, despite conceding four goals.

Warke was always cool at sweeper and Stevens, a young midfielder, shone in the second half when he showed courage and grit, as well as fair skill on the ball.

Albion coach **Mike Lynn** will be hoping to get more discipline into his team. His tactics of playing defensively paid off handsomely in the opening stages of an hour when Albion took the lead, and contained Frankston, but from then on Frankston's midfielders weren't marked so tightly and took over the game.

Lynn must build up his team's capacity to defend for long periods, as well as to get more spark from forward **Mike D'Sylva**.

If Albion is to rely on counter-attacks, **D'Sylva** must be working to take any opportunity that comes. Against Frankston, he made Albion's ninth minute goal with an explosive run through the defence and a blistering shot. The rebound fell to **Billy McIntyre**, whose shot was blocked, before **Kit Greechan** found the net.

Greechan did a lot of work for Albion, and left-back **Tony Gatt** did well.

Albion isn't a pack of no-hoppers. The team had seven good scoring chances and if Albion can improve, defensively, one goal may be enough to win a game. — KYLE PATTERSON.

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CROATIA IS BIG TEST FOR AJAX

Green Gully Ajax, leader of group 'A' in the Victorian Ampol Cup, will be put to a test of strength when it comes up against Essendon Croatia at Olympic Park on Friday night.

Ajax, unbeaten and two points clear at the top, will cement a semi-final berth with a victory but come back to the field with a loss.

The game will show just how much Green Gully has improved under the leadership of former Socceroo **Billy Vojetich**.

Group 'B' has developed into a three-horse race, and one of those horses could be in for a fall this week.

Hakoah, Croydon and Sunshine each has four points to head the table. Croydon and Sunshine meet at Anderson Road, Sunshine this Sunday, and a loss for either team could be fatal.

Croydon has emerged as the team to beat after impressive displays against Altona and Juventus and Sunshine will have to battle to stay in contention for the finals.

In other games, Preston and Altona, two teams well out of the running, will try to salvage some pride. Preston hasn't scored a goal in this season's competition, while Altona has conceded five.

The final group 'B' game involves Juventus and Hakoah.

Juventus hasn't a chance of qualifying while Hakoah sees victory as a clincher for a final berth. But Hakoah is far from its best following injuries to key players and Juventus is still struggling for form.

In group 'A', where several teams are in the running, George Cross takes on Frankston City. Both have two points, and defeat will end the hopes of the loser.

Slavia, which also has two wins, can move up with the leaders with a win over Altona Rovers.

Third round likely winners: Preston, Croatia, Frankston, Hakoah, Slavia and Croydon. — KYLE PATTERSON.

THIS WEEK

Third round matches, Victorian Ampol Cup, Friday night, Olympic Park.

MAKEDONIA v ALTONA CITY 7.30 pm

CROATIA v GREEN GULLY 8.45 pm

Saturday, Middle Park Stadium

GEORGE CROSS v FRANKSTON CITY 2.00 pm

HAKOAH v JUVENTUS 3.30 pm

Sunday, Anderson Road, Sunshine:

SLAVIA v ALBION ROVERS 2.00 pm

SUNSHINE v CROYDON 3.30 pm



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Leading averages:

8.25 — Banovic (Cro), Paparas (Geo), Mizzi (Geo).

8 — Johnson (Albion), Lowrey (Croy), Matsson (Geo), Carr (Gully), Perkins (Gully), Train (Slavia).

7.75 — Smith (Croy), Cummings (Cro).

7.5 — Beech (Pres), Rakovalic (Hakoah), Castiel (Geo), Cutajar (Geo), Mitten (Franks), Gatt (Albion), Wark (Albion).

GROUP A

	W	L	F	A	P
GG-Ajax.....	2	0	3	1	4
Frankston.....	1	1	4	2	2
Croatia.....	1	1	2	0	2
Slavia.....	1	1	1	2	2
Geo. Cross.....	1	1	0	1	2
Albion Rovers.....	0	2	2	6	0

GROUP B

	W	L	F	A	P
Croydon.....	2	0	5	2	4
Hakoah.....	2	0	3	1	4
Sunshine.....	2	0	1	0	4
Makedonia.....	0	2	0	1	0
Juventus.....	0	2	1	3	0
Altona.....	0	2	2	5	0

Aggregate team ratings:

1. George Cross 160

2. Hakoah 159

3. Croydon 152.5

4. Croatia 148.5

5. Ajra 145.5

6. Preston 145

7. Frankston 142

8. Albion 140.5

9. Sunshine 137.5

10. Juventus 137

11. Slavia 136

12. Altona 125

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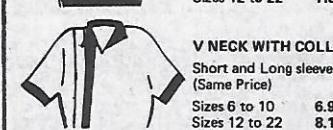
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Worthington scheme: success or failure?

More than five years ago a man came to Australia to take up the most important job in Australian soccer.

That man is Eric Worthington who, as national director of coaching, was charged with the responsibility of upgrading the standard of our coaching at all levels.

So how has he fared? After five years can he be termed a success or a failure?

Let's look at the statistics. After arriving in Australia in April 1973 Eric Worthington made a comprehensive study of coaching in each State, lasting more than 12 months.

From the results of that study he laid down the national coaching scheme

which got off the ground in January 1975.

Directors of coaching were appointed to various States with the initial objective of producing 10,000 certified coaches in the first five years.

The defection of national coach Brian Green and a change of Federal government which resulted in a cutback of money to sporting



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organisations almost sabotaged the coaching scheme overnight.

Then came criticism of Worthington for getting involved with Jim Shoulder's national teams.

Further criticism was leveled at him by some coaches of professional clubs who said

he was an academic who taught "Oxford soccer" that was too complicated and theoretical.

Without Rudi Gutendorf's flair for exploiting the media, his profile as national director of coaching caused others to ask: "What has he done?"

His most affective answer to that query is to point to the 6000 coaches who to date have passed through the national coaching scheme.

Many who have gone through the courses are unknowns who pursue the vital work of early training of young players. Others are top coaches.

In NSW Roaul Blanco (Melita), Bruce Stowell (ex-Westerns), Kaz Kulak (Armidale), Vic Dalglish (Auburn), Alec Gray (Avala) are all State League first team coaches who attended Worthington courses.

In Adelaide, coaching graduates in charge of State league first teams include

Denis Harlow and Brian Dooley in Victoria, Fred Bunce, Harry Chalkitis and Mike Lynn in West Australia, Jimmy Pearson and Eric Marocchi.

Some of the top players who have gone through the courses recently are: Alan Ainslie (Syd. Olymp.), Chris Kalafatidis (Z.S. Mel.), Peter Boyle (W. Ad).

Kalafatidis and Boyle gained their senior awards this summer.

This is the highest award that the Australian coaching scheme has to offer.

You must live in for nine full days and nights of intensive practical and theoretical work before you can be granted for this award.

As one who has taken his senior award overseas and has since been a staff coach on senior courses here, I can say that the overall instruction is almost comparable with that in England.

One of the gripes by professionals in recent year against attending coaching courses in Australia is that they will learn nothing new.

People like Alan Vest and Ron Tindall ex Portsmouth manager, now W.A. director of coaching who staff senior courses, obviously have an enormous amount to give prospective coaches.

A total of 5523 coaches have passed through the senior courses in the past four years.

"Here is the reaction of one of them, Ron McLerie who attended a senior award course at Newcastle in November.

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Dear Sir.

After recently completing the Senior Award Course at Newcastle, I take this opportunity to thank you and your staff (Alan Vest, Ron Tindall, Frank Campbell and Duncan Price) for the thoroughly educational and entertaining week, I had there.

I found myself thinking more about the game in that week than I had done in the previous twenty-odd years of playing it. I shall certainly recommend the course to other players etc. in this area.

Whether successful or not in the recent examination I intend to be present at your proposed course at Armidale University, 1979.

Yours sincerely,

KERR MCLEIRE



National director of coaching, Eric Worthington



Bruce Stowell (left), ex-Western Suburbs, and Roaul Blanco (right) have both graduated through the national coaching scheme. Ron Tindall (center) is the Western Australian coaching director under the scheme.

After the furore surrounding Jim Shoulder, Rale Basic, the national team and coaching generally, Eric Worthington has shown a capacity to survive.

He has a full-time paid director of coaching in every State with the exception of NSW, where Joe Vlasits works in a part-time capacity.

Len McKendry (Vic) Ron Tindall and Mike Wells (S.Aust) in particular have been able to make outstanding progress.

Criticism of Worthington still surfaces here and there, especially in his home State of NSW.

Some of it is by people who do not want to see our soccer coaching based on the English model.

The above three coaching directors are all English.

The fact is we are an English-speaking nation.

Additionally, along with the Dutch and German models England's is the best soccer coaching organisation in the world.

And of course coaching courses are not the be-all and end-all of soccer instruction.

Roaul Blanco's successful melita outfit does not play an English style.

The Argentinian Blanco took the best that the Worthington course had to offer him and it is now part of his overall coaching armoury to which he is adding every day of his coaching life.

Coaching in Australia has a long way to go and so Eric Worthington's job is far from finished.

At the outset I said that his was the most important job in Australian soccer and so it is.

We can never import great stars en masse as America is doing.

The quality of our future and our future national teams, will depend a great deal on the quality of their current coaching.

Worthington is outstandingly qualified to guide our coaching future.

Professional player with Queens Park Rangers and Watford: senior lecturer at Loughborough College in England, master of education, diplomas in education and physical education; English FA staff coach; F.F.A. Instructor.

So how has he fared within our precarious, shifting soccer during these past five years?

To employ a pun, one could say that he has been a qualified success — something we can be rather thankful for after the trials of recent years.



Following the purchase of Chris Kent (pictured being tackled by Peter Wilson), from South Melbourne, the Adelaide City PSL line-up is beginning to take shape.

The best eleven at the moment appears to be: Peter Marshall — Bobby Russell, John Besir or John Perin, Jim Muir, Bugsy Nyskohas — Agenor Muniz, Brian Northcote, John or Sergio Melita — John Nyskohas, Dixie Deans, Chris Kent.

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Wentworth Park OK for APIA and Sydney City

Sydney City and APIA will play their home matches at Wentworth Park this season.

That's the good news for the clubs, following discussions with the National Coursing Association of New South Wales.

Earlier it was reported that City would lose its home ground due to ground improvements to develop Wentworth Park into one of the best soccer stadiums in the country.

A joint statement issued by the National Coursing Association and the Sydney City club stated —

"The NSW National Coursing Association Limited, who are to undertake to develop Wentworth Park with modern facilities including a multi million dollar

viewing grandstand, has decided to delay the re-shaping and re-modelling of Wentworth Park greyhound track.

The decision followed fruitful discussions between representatives of the interested parties in view of the imminent start of the 1979 soccer season and as such the previous decision would have caused the newly named Sydney City and APIA clubs considerable inconvenience in the latter part of the season.

"The NCA will still commence building works associated with the grandstand in July 1979, however, inconvenience will be kept to a minimum for the viewing public at both greyhound meetings and soccer matches to be conducted throughout 1979."

In other Sydney City news, its three new Brazilian youngsters arrived, as did

key defender Eddie Thompson who returned from a visit to his native Scotland with young defender Ian Bruce.

Thompson, who has been training with premier league club, Aberdeen during his visit back home, has recommended Bruce to the club and early training reports indicate that Bruce will be pushing hard for a first team place, come PSL kick-off on March 11.

Team skipper Henry Mowbray too is working hard in his comeback attempt following an off-season knee operation.

Mowbray had the plaster removed from his leg two weeks ago and although he still has a long way to go, his daily workouts at City's plush social club in Bondi are sure to see him all re-established himself in the PSL squad early in the season. — JOHNNY WARREN.

BANOVIC: best in Australia?

By LAURIE SCHWAB

The similarities between Yakka Banovic and Ron Corry are significant. Like Corry, Banovic has rapier-sharp reflexes and the agility of a cat. Like Corry, Banovic is a fitness fanatic. Like Corry, Banovic is expert at saving penalties.

Corry played for Sydney Croatia. Banovic plays for Essendon Croatia.

Corry was goalkeeper of the national team during the 1969 and 1973 World Cup qualifying series, so if their careers continue to run parallel, Banovic will play for Australia in the World Cup series of 1981.

The more I watch him in action, the more Banovic convinces me that he is close to being the best goalkeeper in Australia. At 22 there are many years left in which to improve even further, and he even has an advantage over Corry — he's taller.

His senior representative career started in South Australia when he played for that State against Red Star Belgrade and Victoria in 1977.

It continued two weeks ago when he kept goal for Victoria in its 0-1 loss to Wisla Krakow. He thus has something in common with Jack Reilly as well, for Reilly, also represented two States — Victoria and NSW.

Reilly, incidentally, remains one of Banovic's competitors for a place in the national team, as does South Melbourne's other goalkeeper, Peter Laumonts, who was bought recently from Preston-Makedonia for \$15,000 — an Australian record price for a goalkeeper.

When Victorian coach Len McKendry was trying to decide between Banovic and Laumonts on the eve of the match against Wisla Krakow, he told both of them that it was like trying to choose between Ray Clemence and Peter Shilton.

Banovic was born in Bihać, Croatia, on November 12, 1956 and was eight years old when his parents emigrated to South Australia, to settle at Whyalla.

The family is naturalised, meaning Banovic is eligible to play for Australia.

At school in Whyalla, Banovic was an all-round sportsman. He represented the Spencer Gulf area at Table tennis and represented South Australia at high school level in interstate school championships, finishing third in javelin and discus but having to withdraw from the 1500 metres due to injury.

The primary school he attended played Australian Rules football but no soccer, so Banovic developed into a brilliant rock rover and captained the school team in representative matches in Adelaide.

When he later took up soccer as well, he was playing Aussie Rules on Saturday morn-

ings and soccer in the afternoons. His first soccer club was a Greek outfit called Thunder, and young Banovic played not in goal, but at centre forward.

"After a year and a half of that, I eventually had to choose between the two sports, so I stopped playing Aussie Rules and joined the Croatia Whyalla juniors," Banovic recalls.

"I was still playing centre forward but about a year after I joined, our goalie was hurt. The coach wasn't at the game, so our captain asked me to go into goal, because I used to play Aussie Rules.

"Later the boys told the coach, he had a look at what I could do and finally told me that although I was a good forward, I had a much better chance of becoming a good keeper."

So young Banovic spent about a season and a half in goal for the juniors and at 16 he broke into the senior team for four games.

His association with Croatia Whyalla ended after the club was drawn to play "big brother" Croatia Adelaide in the Wills Cup.

So well did Banovic play, that the Adelaide club signed him on the spot.

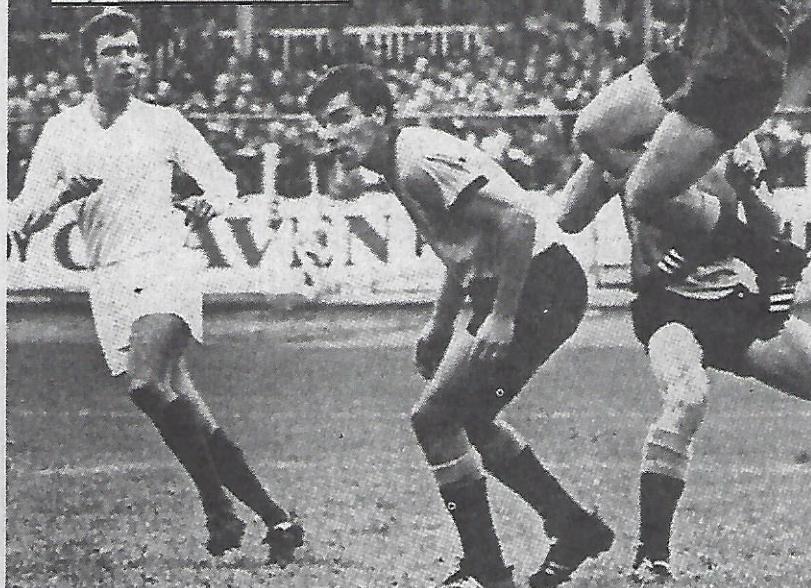
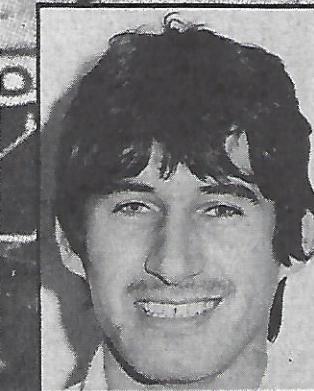
To say that the Adelaide club was impressed by the young goalkeeper would be an understatement, as it started flying him from Whyalla and back every weekend, so he could continue to attend his high school.

However, this proved too hectic and after a year, he moved to Adelaide where he matriculated and was accepted to teacher's college. He had only about a dozen first team games in his first season but in 1973 he was Croatia's No. 1 goalkeeper and did not miss a game. He was with Croatia when it was relegated and when it came back the following season and although other clubs were making offers for him, he was happy to stay with Croatia which, he says, was treating him well.

But in 1976 Metros Croatia of Toronto toured Australia and the Canadians were impressed with Banovic that they invited him to come over for a trial.

He finished school that year and took up the offer in 1977. "I'd gone as far as I could in Adelaide and I now wanted to make soccer my profession," he says.

He spent about seven months in Canada. During this time he played only practice games, probably against Minnesota Kicks (Alan West) and Tampa Bay Rowdies (Adrian Alston, Rodney Marsh).



• There are significant similarities between Victorian State star Yakka Banovic (inset) and the great Ron Corry. Banovic is likely to further emulate Corry, by getting into the Australian World Cup squad. Corry is pictured making a save above team mate John Watkiss in NSW's match against Manchester United in 1967. At left is United's John Aston.

"There was a mix-up, a misunderstanding between Metros and Croatia Adelaide which caused me to come back to Australia," Banovic said.

He is reluctant to be more precise but apparently Metros balked at being asked by Croatia to pay a \$15,000 transfer fee and to insure Banovic for \$100,000.

Banovic wasn't too happy about staying with Croatia Adelaide when he returned to Australia. Sydney Croatia was showing interest in him but Essendon Croatia was first to make a concrete offer, so he transferred to Melbourne for a mere \$5000.

It was about six or eight weeks into the 1978 State League season that Banovic played his first match for Essendon, against Frankston City.

He settled down quickly, developing a good understanding with his centre backs Steve Kokoska and John Gardiner, and it wasn't long before he was widely acclaimed as by far the best goalkeeper in the league.

Banovic says he has two coaches to thank for making him the player he is today.

One is Bill Bateman, then coach of Thunder, the first man to recognise Banovic's skill as a goalkeeper.

The other is Peter Jakas, the former Prague (NSW) player, who coached Banovic at Croatia Adelaide. "Maybe I didn't always get along well with him on a personal level, but he had the knack for bringing out the best in me."

Asked whether the most dangerous forward he's faced in what he has seen, Banovic says, "I don't think about forwards like that. None is more or less dangerous than the other."

"You can't take any of them lightly. Even a guy who hasn't scored a single goal all year, will suddenly pop up and put one past you if you slacken off."

"However, I have great admiration for the guy who gives 100 per cent for his club and one such player is George McMillan of Makedonia. He may not have quite as much skill as some other forwards, but he never stops and I like the challenge of a guy who's always coming in. That's the way it should be with all players."

Like any other ambitious player, Banovic would like to play in the Philips League. The difference is, he wants to do so with his present club. "Croatia has treated me well and they bought me when I was in a bit of a crisis, somewhat of a personal crisis. I'm happy to stay with them, and I'd like to see them move up into the national league," he says.

His main ambition is to represent Australia. "To represent his country must be the aim of every player and I am no exception," he says. "I hope that my experience with the South Australian and Victorian State teams put me in the running for the national squad."

To find out who he considers to be his chief competitors, I asked him to name the best goalkeepers he's seen here.

"Peter Laumonts of South Melbourne is a tremendous goalkeeper and as he's only 21, he's got a long career ahead."

"I also have to mention Roger Romanowicz of Adelaide City. He was nearing the end of his career as I was starting mine but he is definitely one of the best goalkeepers I have seen."

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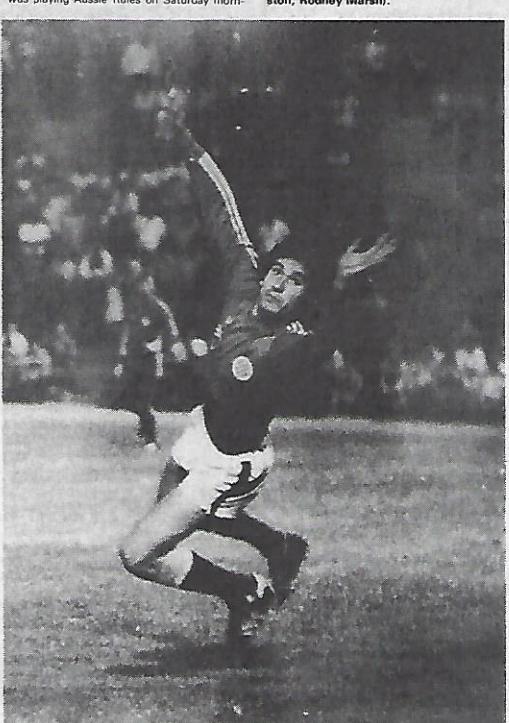
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Yakka Banovic, in action during Victoria's 0-1 loss to Wisla Krakow two weeks ago. Picture by SAM BELFONTE.



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Croydon City's Joe Tront (right), in action for Victoria against Zoran Matic of South Australia.



Tommy Cumming (Essendon-Croatia), 1978 Rothmans Medallist, leads Jim Paparas (George Cross) in a race for the ball.



Altona City's recruit from Sunshine, Terry Banagan, shoots at goal against Frankston. At left is Frankston's Andy Savage.



Makedonia's 1978 best and fairest, George McMillan.



Albion Rovers' experienced forward Bill McIntyre (ex-Croatia, Hellas, Makedonia), chases Keilor-Austria's Guenther Ganglmaier in a Cup match.



Steve Carr (right), Green Gully Ajax striker.



Makedonia's Rob Cullen, transferred from George Cross.



Goalkeeper Frank Petersen of Frankston.



Frank Mussel (right) of Sunshine City, scores in an Ampol Cup match at Olympic Park.



Midfielder Pat Lowrey of Croydon.



Altona City's Nat Little (right) and Jim Ackers (No. 6) in a tangle on the touchline.

Victorian State

ROUND 1 — SUNDAY 8th APRIL

Albion Leyland v Essendon.
George Cross v Preston Macedonia.
Croydon City v Prahran Slavia.
St Kilda Hakoah v Green Gully.
Altona City v Sunshine City.
Frankston v Frankston City.

ROUND 2 — SUNDAY 15th APRIL

Sunshine City v Juventus.
Green Gully v Altona City.
Prahran Slavia v St Kilda Hakoah.
Preston Macedonia v Croydon City.
Frankston City v Albion Leyland.
Essendon v George Cross.

ROUND 3 — SUNDAY 22nd APRIL

George Cross v Albion Leyland.
Croydon City v Essendon.
St Kilda Hakoah v Preston Macedonia.
Altona City v Prahran Slavia.
Juventus v Green Gully.
Sunshine City v Frankston City.

ROUND 4 — SUNDAY 29th APRIL

Green Gully v Sunshine City.
Prahran Slavia v Juventus.
Preston Macedonia v Altona City.
Frankston City v George Cross.
Essendon v St Kilda Hakoah.
Albion Leyland v Croydon City.

ROUND 5 — Sunday 6th MAY

Croydon City v George Cross.
St Kilda Hakoah v Albion Leyland.
Altona City v Essendon.
Juventus v Preston Macedonia.
Sunshine City v Prahran Slavia.
Green Gully v Frankston City.

ROUND 6 — SUNDAY 13th MAY

Prahran Slavia v Green Gully.
Preston Macedonia v Sunshine City.
Frankston City v Croydon City.
Essendon v Juventus.
Albion Leyland v Altona City.
George Cross v St Kilda Hakoah.

ROUND 9 — SUNDAY 10th JUNE

Altona City v St Kilda Hakoah.
Juventus v Croydon City.
Sunshine City v George Cross.
Green Gully v Albion Leyland.
Prahran Slavia v Essendon.
Preston Macedonia v Frankston City.

ROUND 10 — SUNDAY 17th JUNE

Frankston City v Altona City.
Essendon v Preston Macedonia.
George Cross v Green Gully.
Croydon City v Sunshine City.
St Kilda Hakoah v Juventus.
Albion Leyland v Prahran Slavia.

SUNDAY 24th JUNE RESERVED FOR INTERNATIONAL GAME

ROUND 11 — SUNDAY 1st JULY

Juventus v Altona City.
Sunshine City v St Kilda Hakoah.
Green Gully v Croydon City.
Prahran Slavia v George Cross.
Preston Macedonia v Albion Leyland.
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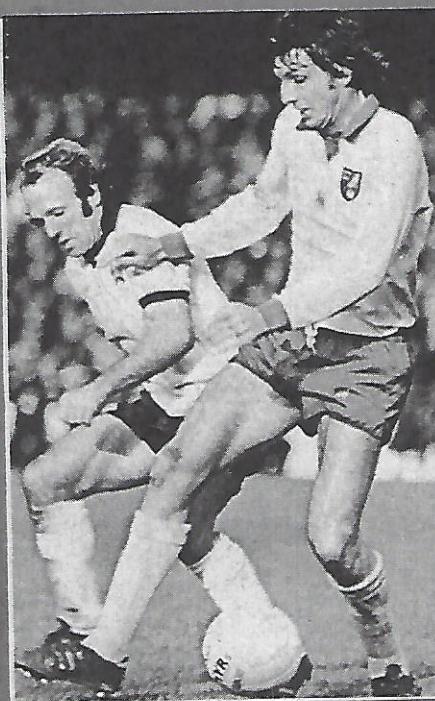
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ROUND 17 — SUNDAY 19th AUGUST
Green Gully v Prahran Slavia.
Sunshine City v Preston Macedonia.
Croydon City v Frankston City.
Juventus v Essendon.
Altona City v Albion Leyland.
Hakoah St Kilda v George Cross.

ROUND 18 — SUNDAY 26th AUGUST
Croydon City v St Kilda Hakoah.
George Cross v Altona City.
Albion Leyland v Juventus.
Essendon v Sunshine City.
Preston Macedonia v Green Gully.
Frankston City v Prahran Slavia.



Midfielder Claude Lucchesi (Juventus).



Midfielder Ian McCarthy of Green Gully Ajax.



Nick Rakovalis, the former Fitzroy Alexander defender now starring with Hakoah.



Norm Maitland (right) and Billy Wilkinson, with the 1978 Dockey Cup, won by George Cross.



Keith Adams (second from left), Essendon Croatia's recruit from Ringwood, flies to head for goal against Billy Wilkinson of George Cross. At left is Jim Paparas.



Juventus forward Tony Curcio gets treatment from masseur Bill Beveridge.

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CROATIA BEATS ST. GEORGE

CROATIA 2
ST. GEO. 1

Ground: Marconi Oval
Crowd: 4000

Referee: Doug Rennie 8

Goals: Abonyi (30'), 2:0, Cootes (68') Croatia, Phil O'Connor (84') St. George.

CROATIA: Watson 8, A. Kovacic 7, B. Cagalj 8, T. Basic 6, G. Smith 7, Vidjic 6, Mullen 6, Savor 6, Abonyi 7, M. Kovacic 8, Cootes 7.

ST GEORGE: Fraser 6, Harris 6, Delta Picca 5, Holmick 6, R. O'Shea 7, Gross 8, J. O'Shea 6, S. Matic 6 (Debut 72'), Cotton 5, O'Connor 8.

Croatia was not impressive in its win against St. George, yet Abonyi & Co managed to come within an inch of tossing the night's Dragons out of the tournament.

Leading 2-0 after 84 minutes, Croatia had the same goal average as St. George (9.4) and the same number of points (6), which meant that the two teams would have had to replay to decide who would go through to the quarter-finals.

St. George did not look menacing, and in the last six minutes Croatia not only looked capable of holding St. George attack, but looked the more likely side to score the third goal.

Then out of the blue, Denis Dusica flicked a pass to Hensman who ran the ball line then squared it for Phil O'Connor to score the simplest of goals, which cut Croatia's lead to one.

With more than five minutes left, Croatia still had a great chance to go all out and score its third goal, which would have had the two teams tied again. Instead it opted to play it safe to keep possession and play out the remaining five minutes in the last half.

A curious decision indeed!

Croatia's captain, Greg Smith

SYD. CITY 1
AVALA ↑

At Garside Park

Weather: Cold and Drizzly

Goals: Silva — (21st min), Griffiths (A) (49)

Referee: Davies 8

AVALA: Mikolajczyk 7, Rnjak 7, Deller 7, Barton 6, Gray 7, Patterson 7, Vasiljevic 6 (Jancek at half-time 7), Durišic 6, Bate- man 7, Kodor 7, Griffiths 7.

SYDNEY CITY: Pezzano 7, Kershaw 7, Trenter 7, O'Connor 9, Fonseca 7, Stevenson 7, Souness 7, Barnes 8, Campbell 7, Smith 6 (Marcos Silva at half-time 6), Hilton Silva 7.

In an overwhelming command for the first 45 minutes, Sydney City was lucky to escape with its unbeaten record intact at the final whistle.

Seemingly, experimentation nearly brought the NSW pacesetters' downfall against their humble opponents.

In the first half the Blues managed to post only one goal with a cracking shot by Hilton Silva capitalising on an excellent lead up work by Stevenson and Barnes — but their play was impeccable.

They allowed the ball to do the work, the weight of attack was constantly switching from wing to wing, and if skipper Terry Smith didn't have a particularly miserable evening, they could easily have been up by at least three or four goals at the break.

The story was entirely different after the interval.

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appeared stunned after the game when I pointed out that the tactics used in the last five minutes baffled the Press.

"We knew that we had to win by three goals to qualify and never even considered the possibility of a tie ..." said the bewildered Smith.

Croatia's coach, Attila Abonyi, played his 50th game against his old club and was quite happy with the 2-1 win. "Who would have given us a chance to draw before this game?" said Attili. "I must admit that a replay did not come to my mind in those last five minutes, simply because we were so intent on making that three goal margin. Once St. George made a goal, our margin was gone. We just felt we were out of it."

The celebrity, Abonyi, certainly a household name in Australian soccer opened the scoring for Croatia in the 30th minute.

Robert O'Shea, the St. George

midfielder brought Abonyi down 28 metres from goal, and Abonyi decided to take the kick. It was a vintage Abonyi goal that finished in the top left hand corner out of Mike Fraser's reach.

Croatia lead 1-0 at half time, but the only goal could have been different had some of the chances been taken. The main offenders were certainly the St. George went in scoreless.

Croatia, apart from Abonyi's goal, had a great chance in the 18th minutes after a poor clearance by Fraser to the feet of Bruno Vidjic, but the young striker muffed it by shooting past the left upright.

Peter Hensman hit the crossbar with a fizzing drive in the 47th minute, then Watson saved brilliantly from O'Connor in the 60th.

Croatia had its opportunity through Bruno Capaji. Playing a great game at the back, and

Griffiths smashed in a shot from the left wing, which rebounded into the net from the far post for the equaliser — and there could have been more as time went on.

What went wrong for Sydney City?

Coach Gerry Chaldi analysed that the fault lay with a half-time reshuffle, which saw Terry Smith replaced by young Brazilian import Marcos Silva.

Barnes was switched to the pivot of attack — and almost immediately the Blues missed his presence in midfield.

"None of the others are willing to do Murray's dirty work," Chaldi summed up before moving the lanky Socceroo back into the thick of things in the 70th minute.

Almost immediately things improved and Hilton Silva went very close with a scorching shot in the 80th but the woodwork foiled him.

Avala refused to be satisfied with one point, and both Jancek and Kodor had chances in the next two minutes to wrap the game up. It wasn't all gloom for City;

Steve O'Connor played another magnificent game in the defence.

The strapping youngster is performing with such flair, confidence and power this year that he seems very likely to be among the first picked for Gutendorf's "Mag 79" Socceroos.

It was also a pleasure to see Alan Kershaw's first half performance; he is obviously determined to capitalise on Kevin Mullens' enforced absence through injury.

Two of the club's new Brazilians made their debut by Stevenson and Barnes — but their play was impeccable.

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frequently attacking, Bruno raced through to accept a brilliant through ball by Vidjic, then shot from 16 metres, but Fraser made a good save.

With the game seemingly deteriorating, Croatia struck again.

It was in the 64th minute.

Marion Kovacic centred from the right touchline. Abonyi and Grosse challenged for a ball, but it went over their heads to the feet of young Wayne Cootes, who fired a first time drive past helpless St. George keeper.

St. George players played well below their ability and certainly had the desire to win. But they must be kicking themselves for letting this one slip away, as the loss against Croatia put them against Sydney Olympic instead of Yugal.

O'Connor, Hensman and Dusica all played well for St. George while the rest failed miserably. For Croatia, Cagalj, Kovacic and Tom Basic were outstanding while Abonyi played well in patches — ALEX VESIC.

Results and tables



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QUARTER-FINALS THIS WEEK

TABLE

APIA	Goals	Pts
SYDNEY CITY	10:3	7
Toongabbie	8:8	3
Avala	4:7	3
Kuringai	3:12	1

RESULTS AND TABLES

SUTHERLAND	Goals	Pts
MARCONI	9:5	7
Bankstown	9:10	5
Monaro	7:10	2
Arncliffe	4:9	1

RESULTS AND TABLES

GROUP "A"	Goals	Pts
Sydney City — Avala 1:1		
Toongabbie — Kuringai 5:0		

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GROUP "B"	Goals	Pts
Sutherland — Arncliffe 1:0		
Bankstown — Inter Monaro 3:2		

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GROUP "C"	Goals	Pts
Olympic — Marrickville 7:0		
Yugal — Auburn 1:1		

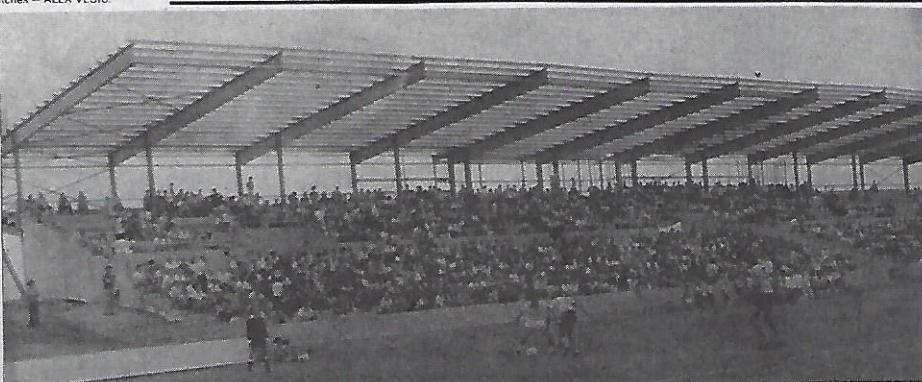
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GROUP "D"	Goals	Pts
Croatia — St. George 2:1		
St. George — Granville 1:0		
MELITA	11:2	6
ST GEORGE	10:4	6
Croatia	9:5	6
Manly	4:14	2
Granville	3:12	0

RESULTS AND TABLES

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Olympic	12:2	8
Yugal	7:5	5
Auburn	5:4	4
Marrickville	4:12	2
Revesby	3:8	1

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MELITA 1 GRANVILLE 0

Ground: Marconi Oval

Crowd: 2400

Referee: Peter Rampley 8

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Goal: D. Allan (68').

MELITA: Bracklow 7, Ververis 7 (McPherson 7-53), Mikas 8, Yamine 8, McDonald 7, Darvill 7, Parker 9, McAusland 6, D. Allan 8, Farrugia 8, Jones 7.

GRANVILLE: Hoare 8, Baron 7, Selfridge 7, Biglands 6, Lackey 8, Forwood 7, Fraser 7, Bates 6 (Abbot 80), Gauci 6, Morrow 6, McGrath 6.

Brian Parker, Melita's lively forward, took only 20 seconds to warm up before creating the first of many chances that were to be wasted.

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Let's not make excuses

The reasons given for the Australian under 19 team's failure are that everyone and everything was against the side. From experience, I know every Australian team has faced similar problems on overseas tours.

During a World Cup qualifying game in 1969, **Johnny Warren** ran from the half-way line, beating six defenders, before scoring a goal, only to have the referee award a free kick against him in the middle of the ground.

Stanley Rous, the former president of FIFA, was at the game, and left the official box in disgust.

It's something the young boys have got to learn to cope with. Things like that should inspire greater effort, not destroy team spirit.

Any Australian team which tours has a job to do. All the sides have faced problems and many have overcome them. Making excuses just isn't good enough.

Next week I will name the best Australia XI in my era and discuss the styles of two national coaches I have played under — **Rale Basic** and **Joe Vlasits**.

I will also tell why I quit soccer in 1970 to set up a business that made world headlines four years later.



The Australian under 19s — all smiles as they left for Paraguay.



Schaefer's Shots

They gave me a trophy for my knock-out punch

My greatest disappointment in international soccer was that I won only 49 caps for Australia.

'I desperately wanted to reach the half century mark but that's the way things go.'

My first appearance for Australia was in 1967 against New Zealand. The game was part of a tour of South America involving several nations.

I came on as a substitute in the second half for **Frank Mlakic** after our coach **'Uncle Joe Vlasits'** decided I was the man to upset the New Zealand forwards who were causing a deal of trouble to the Australian defence.

The feeling was unbelievable as I ran onto the pitch. Fortunately my mental approach was good and I settled down quickly.

Australia won the game 4-2 on

a rain-soaked pitch, and I was glad to get that first international appearance. Two years earlier I thought I would never be picked to represent Australia.

In 1965 I missed selection to Australia's World Cup squad for qualifying games in Cambodia. I had been told unofficially I was in the squad but when the tour party was announced, I was not included.

But I'm not the only player to miss out on selection to the Australian team after being told he was a certainty.

However, after my debut

against New Zealand, I retained my place for the remainder of the tournament. Australia won the final, defeating South Korea 3-0. I was 24 years old at the time.

My first appearance for the national team, a white shirt was certainly memorable, but my last game in West Berlin 1974, was the most rewarding and satisfying.

As for my debut, the pitch was rain-soaked and although Australia could manage only a 0-0 draw with Chile, we were a couple of goals better than our opponents.

It was our final game in the 1974 World Cup finals and a great performance by the Australian team.

Poor finishing cost us victory against Chile but goal scoring has always been a problem for Australian national teams.

Australian teams have never been able to win the ball, play it about and move it forward, but the rhythm always broke down when it came to putting the ball into the net.

During my international career, I experienced riots, tours to all corners of the world, triumphs and heart-breaking failure. But as far as I'm concerned, the worst was the attitude of Australian crowds to the home team.

No matter where we played — Sydney or Melbourne — we faced a constant battle to win the home crowd's support.

and the Australian team was often appreciated more overseas.

World Cup qualifying games were different. At times the crowds would get behind us even when we were playing well below our best but still the national team hasn't been fully accepted by Australian fans.

Overseas tours create many funny and sad incidents. I will tell you of a few of the funny incidents that aren't normally reported by the media. Facts and figures show the national team are well and good but it is the behind-the-scenes happenings that interest soccer fans most.

I'll never forget the time the Australian team bus pulled up outside our hotel in Vietnam in 1967. There was a young Englishman in the party who was unknown and unpronounced.

What's his name? The bus of the squad came from New South Wales, except our young friend, who hailed from Queensland.

After the bus had pulled up, the young Englishman stood up and declared at the top of his voice: "Bobby Charlton wouldn't stay in that place, so why should we?"

I wondered who did this young man think he was? Standing there in the rain, **Ray Richards**, who later became a pillar of strength in the Australian team, and one of the greatest players to represent the country.

In 1969 we visited South Korea for a World Cup qualifying match. We drew 0-0 to put the Koreans out of the running and keep our hopes alive.

The morning after the match **Billy Vojtak** and I went for a walk to a nearby village. The game had been given wide coverage and soon there were people coming from everywhere because they recognised us.

Billy didn't wait to see what was going on. Without saying a word he took off toward the road in a tremendous pace. I was always said to be the fittest man in the team, but there was no way I could catch Billy.

That's the type of friend you need when a 'blue' is about to start!

It was Vojtak was quite fit, despite the fact he never liked training or putting in extra effort during a game.

A year after that, the squad was in London on the world tour of 1970. "Noddy" Alston, who came from England, often referred to the English as 'Louts', which is about eight miles from London.

We were having a look at a few sights in the area, and 'Noddy' directed us to a paddock. It was night, and the paddock quite dark. The story was that years earlier, two girls had been murdered in the paddock and every time there was a full moon the ghosts of the girls would appear.

We looked closely and could see a figure whose teeth and jumper stood out. We got the shock of our lives and even 'Noddy' couldn't explain what was happening.

Then our from the dark walked **Harry Williams** wearing a white jumper!

He had taken a short cut to catch up with us, and after we explained why we were a little pale, Harry saw the funny side.

Every team has its resident comic. Between 1967-69 **Alan Marnoch** was the funny man of the Australian team.

He had the ability to excite various people and was excellent at taking the edge off things.

In 1969 we were in Mozambique. The weather was hot as hell and the squad spent the whole day by the hotel pool. Just as the hottest part of the day was approaching, there was a call on the poolside phone for one of the squad members.

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noch rolled up in the lobby and told them it was he who had sent the call!

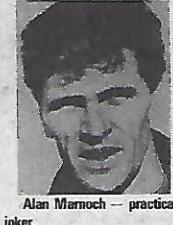
If **John Barclay**, the tour manager, could corner Alan he would find out why his room service bills got so high during the trip.

I always remember a match against Israel in 1969 as being funny. Early in the match, Israel's star striker **Mordechai Spleger** put the ball through my legs, but as he ran past he got tangled up, clipped my leg and ended up flying through the air and landing on his head.

Then our 10,000 crowd thought I had up-ended his hero, booted loudly. This made me feel right at home and I had one of my best matches for Australia!

But the funniest incident I was involved in came in Brisbane. Australia was playing Greece, and one of the opposing midfielders kept kicking Australia's **Alan Marnoch**. **Leslie Walker** then flinched from behind and I decided that was enough. I ran nearly the length of the field and landed a right hook on the jaw of the spiteful Greek. **Muhammed Ali** would have been proud of that punch and everyone at the ground bar the referee, saw it.

But despite laying out the opposition, I was very best and fairest player of the match. A panel of soccer writers I was presented with a beautiful trophy which I still have.



Stand by for the Irish super-star!

By PETER WINDSOR

Canberra City should this week complete negotiations to sign a player described as the finest midfielder in Irish soccer.

In fact his club, Sligo, is not prepared to let him go permanently and has loaned him to Canberra City only until late August.

Sligo is a Premier league side in Ireland and the player City has signed is only 23-year-old and has had European Cup experience.

Canberra's administrator, **Max Talbot**, said: "He comes with the highest possible recommendations."

"I am not prepared, however, to release his name and further particulars until I have received his contract."

"I can only add that the contract has apparently been signed and is on its way back to Australia. The appalling weather in the UK at the moment has caused a delay in the mail and we don't expect to get the contract until the end of the week."

Once it arrives Canberra will ask the Immigration Department to arrange for the player's entry to Australia as quickly as possible.

"I must say the Department of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs has been tremendously co-operative in these matters in the past," Talbot said.

"We want this player here as quickly as possible. He would be our final overseas signing."

He would, of course, be the replacement Canberra City needs to fill the voice left by the departure of **Tony Henderson** to Marconi for a \$14,000 transfer fee.

Bailey arrives

George Bailey, City's 21-year-old forward from Manchester United Reserves (more recently on loan to Doncaster Rovers) arrived in Canberra last Friday.

He looks fit and well and played for part of the game against South Melbourne in Melbourne last Sunday, with Canberra winning 2-1.

Mike Smith, from Stoke City, arrives at the weekend early next week.

On the surface all this activity seems good — but one vital aspect of it hasn't pleased new coach **Vic Fernandez**.

Fernandez, a man dedicated to City's success, still does not have a complete squad to lick into shape before the season actually begins.

Bailey has just arrived, Smith is not yet here and young defenders **Moula**, **Milovanovic** and **Hogg** will not play in any pre-season games.

Once they return from Paraguay they will be rested until the season begins.

"It is not a situation any coach wants," Fernandez said. "Every coach would prefer his total squad well and truly known and training together for some weeks before the season actually begins."

Moral victory to SA: Lenczyk

By MENO TOUTSIDIS

South Australia grabbed a sensational last-second equaliser to prevent Wisla Krakow from completing a clean sweep of victories on their four-match Australian tour.

Wisla, the European Cup quarter finalists, looked like adding SA to their previous three scalps — Australia, Queensland and Victoria — after a shock goal in the first minute.

But SA, which was hastily put together after four players dropped out of the squad because of injuries, stayed within reach of Wisla before **David Leane** delivered the last-second KO punch.

Wisla coach **Orzost Lenczyk** was fuming after the match, claiming his champion team took it too easy in the last 20 minutes.

He was not impressed by Wisla's tactics of playing possession soccer late in the game during which they made little attempt to strengthen their grip.

"I congratulate you on your moral victory but this was a most unsatisfactory performance by my team," was his only comment.

Wisla started ominously when midfielder **Leszek Lipka** tore through SA's feeble defence and effortlessly cracked the ball past 'keeper **Martyn Crook** after just 55 seconds.

Wisla had little trouble finding the gaps in defence but were forced to defend themselves in the sixth minute when **Vic Bozanic**'s delicately placed free kick just missed its target.

But Wisla came roaring back and Crook had to make the first of several brilliant saves when he raced off his goal line to block a shot from winger **Michael Wrobel**.

Wrobel was in spectacular form. However, SA gradually regained its composure and **Neil McGachey** and **Bugay Nyskohus** developed into the main threat in the second half.

Apple **Muniz** should have equalised in the 14th minute but his close-range ground shot was deflected by defender **Marek Metyka**, with 'keeper **Stanislaw Gonet** well beaten.

Berry **Reynolds** stormed into the penalty area for the corner kick but his powerful header scraped the crossbar.

Henry Kolecki and **Muniz** were major obstacles for the Poles in midfield but the attack was unbalanced.

Tough **Dixie Deane** fought admirably but **Ian McGregor** and **John Kyskous** rarely offered him support.

Coach **Eddie Kreft** could have brought on **David Leane** earlier, as his height and aerial dominance would have complemented Deane's ground skills.

Wisla were unfortunate not to have grabbed a second goal midway through the first half when World Cup defender **Henryk Maculewicz** hit a furious free kick which Crook stopped at his second attempt.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA 1 WISLA KRAKOW 1 at Hindmarsh Stadium, Adelaide.

Scorers: Lipka (Wisla) 1st Leane (SA) 89th.

Crowd: 6,768.

Referee: Don Campbell 8.

Ratings:

SA — **Reynolds** 7, **Bugay** 8, **Nyskohus** 8, **Boyle** 7, **Leane** 7, **McGachey** 8, **Bozanic** 7, **Kolecki** 7, **Deane** 8, **Muniz** 7, **J. Kyskous** 7, **I. McGregor** 7.

WISLA — **Gonet** 7, **Metyka** 9, **Maculewicz** 9, **Pleszewski** 8, **Bedzinski** 7, **Skrodevski** 7, **Lipka** 7, **Wrobel** 9, **Tergosz** 7, **Kapka** 7, **Nowak** 7, **Janusz** 7, **Kmiecik** 8, **Gazda** 7, **Kropienski** 8.

Moments later Nyskohus sent a superb crossfield pass to Muniz who shot powerfully but Gonet's outstretched leg diverted it for a corner.

The goal maintained SA's unbeaten record against Polish clubs.

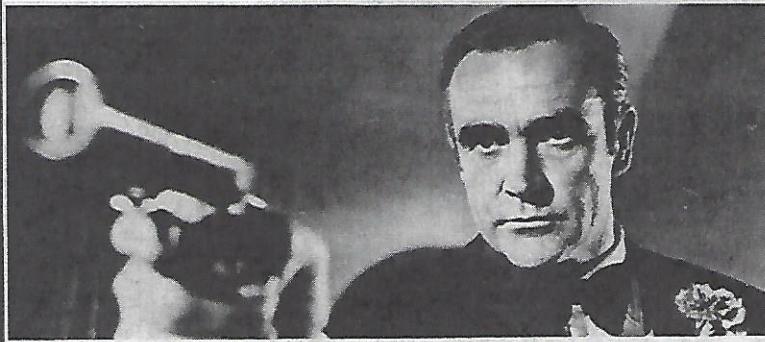
In 1975 SA was the only side to beat Legia Warsaw after a brilliant 2-1 result.

But more importantly it confirmed that both West Adelaide and Adelaide City will again be a major force to contend with this PSL season.



South Australia's Vic Bozanic tackles Wisla Krakow's Zdzislaw Kapka. At right is Henry Kolecki.

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Sean Connery, alias James Bond — almost signed by Matt Busby

Ref. can book whole team for a foul!

From JIM COOK
Our European Correspondent

In Argentina, if a player commits a so-called professional foul, the referee is entitled to book the entire team. Reason given is that the so-called professional fouls are pre-meditated and often the result of managers' instructions. So the team is held responsible. A further offence means automatic expulsion. Since introduction there has been a marked improvement in behaviour.

Sir Stanley Matthews recently celebrated his 64th birthday in Malta where he resides. Stan just came back from a long coaching spell with young black players in South Africa. He occasionally plays for the village team in Malta, gets up at 6:30 every morning and completes a two-mile run to collect his newspaper.

In one of their recent games, Scottish Premier League leaders Dundee United had four different types of footwear in their hamper to beat the snow and ice — one kit of leathers, one of rubbers, one of flaps and the new multi-studded boots. Total cost was nearly 120 pounds.

★★★

Matt Busby, in a recent newspaper article, said he was once on the verge of offering a year's contract to Sean Connery (James Bond, 007) who was then little known, but decided to remain in acting. Connery was at that time a promising right winger with Edinburgh and District junior club, Bonnyrigg Rose, the club which Jim Mackay played for.

Geoff Hurst who scored a hat-trick for England in the 1966 World Cup final against West Germany, recently turned down a 25,000 pounds a year offer as national coach to Dubai. Hurst is currently an assistant coach to the English national side and also

manager of non-league side Telford United.

★★★
Gary Bailey who has taken over from Alex Stepney in the Manchester United goal, came from the Wits Soccer Club in Johannesburg where former United player Eddie Lewis is coach.

★★★
Luther Blissett, the Jamaican-born Watford striker, could have been eligible to play for Northern Ireland, Scotland, Wales or England after he recently got his British passport. Blissett opted for England and was quickly rewarded by inclusion in England's Under 21 side.

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The All-Blacks' line-up, as the name suggests, of which I was part, against WBA's white players, reinforced by a few guest stars: Laurie Cunningham and Cyril

Four top English League players have been sidelined through injury for a long time. Willie Madron, the Middlesbrough defender, tops the list after being out of action since September 1977 with an injured knee that spells serious doubts to his future.

Gordon Hill, the former Manchester Utd winger now with Coventry, is unlikely to play again before April after a cartilage operation. Andy Gray the Aston Villa and Scotland striker who has been out of action through injury for months is still uncertain of his come-back date but Malcolm McDonald, also out for a long time, could be on the way back next month.

Goals mean cash in the Scottish Cup this season. Younger Tartan Beer have injected 120,000 pounds into the competition as incentives for team and individual scorers. ★★★

Scottish Second Division side Stenhousemuir (Marshall Gibb, a star centre of the 60's, played with them and George Cross) haven't won a Scottish Cup tie for the past 10 years and in that time they have come unstuck several times against non-league clubs.

★★★
Ivan Golac, the Yugoslav defender of Southampton is elated that in his first season in British soccer he will trip out with his side at Wembley in the League Cup final against Notts Forest.

England All-Blacks?
West Bromwich Albion manager Ron Atkinson has suggested the formation of an England All-Blacks team to play in a testimonial for WBA star Len Cantello.

The All-Blacks' line-up, as the name suggests, of which I was part, against WBA's white players, reinforced by a few guest stars: Laurie Cunningham and Cyril

Regis, two of WBA's blacks, have already come up with a suggested team and Regis has joked that Enoch Powell could be the team manager.

The Cunningham-Regis line-ups would be: Richardson (QPR) — Anderson (Notts Forest), Barry (Wolves), Hazel (Wolves),

Betson (WBA) — Hill (Luton), Hilaire (Crown Palace), Crooks (Stoke), Cunningham (WBA), Regis (WBA), Thompson (Coventry).

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• Sydney City star Murray Barnes seen through the eyes of photographer Sam Balfour. (Main picture) — Barnes challenges Iran's goalkeeper Hajazi for a high ball. (Above) Jil Kriaris of Footscray is pressured by Barnes. (Left) Barnes in an aggressive mood against South Korean opponents. (Right bottom) Hilton Silva watches on as team mate Barnes shoots for goal. (Right circle) Barnes in a heading duel with South Melbourne's George Christopoulos. (Right) Barnes takes a heading dive after being tackled by Frank Munro of South Melbourne. Sammy Wright is in support.

The bronzed 'Roo

Aggressive, athletic, a keen fighter. That's how national coach Rudi Gutendorf described the Australian male soon after arriving 'down under.'

The much-travelled West German said he wanted to capture the nation's 'let's have a go' attitude in the Socceroo team.

Gutendorf might since have been disengaged by the sight of a few 'Norms' sitting around drinking tinnies, but the bronzed Aussie does exist in Australian soccer.

And if Gutendorf needs his belief in the Australian male re-affirmed, he doesn't have to look past the Socceroo squad.

Murray Barnes of Sydney city has every attribute of a bronzed aussie.

The 25-year-old Australian is strong, aggressive, a straight talker, and to make the image complete, will often be found on a Sydney beach armed with a surfboard.

Barnes has youth on his side, yet he also has considerable experience in international soccer, making him an essential part of future Socceroo sides.

But the easy-going Barnes isn't interested in getting into big raves about the future of the national team. He's out to do his best at the game he loves.

"Soccer takes up a large part of my life," said Barnes, "but what does that really matter when I love playing the game so much? Sure, there are times when we're playing in 35 degree heat and I wish I could be on the beach, or when my wife Sally gets on my back for spending too much time away."

"But I need soccer more than the beach, and Sally is really my biggest fan as well as critic."

The powerfully-built Barnes realises his

By
KYLE PATTERSON

physique plays a major part in his playing style.

"I'm not a ball player," he said. "Skill has never been my strong point and it's unlikely my style will change."

"I like to be aggressive on the field. In midfield I get plenty of action, and can attack from behind."

"I prefer playing as a deep-lying forward, so I get the chance to score goals, as well as getting stuck in the middle of the park."

That's Barnes' way; an honest talker who doesn't dodge any questions off the field, and a dynamic player who can cut loose and create havoc.

Many soccer writers hold the opinion Barnes would be a greater asset to the Australian team as a forward. He played in midfield during Australia's 1977 World Cup preliminary matches and holds down a similar position at Sydney City.

"When I was young and fast," joked Murray, "I was a right winger. I switched to midfield around 1974 and I preferred to stay in that position."

"Rudi Gutendorf played me as a forward during a trial game before he left for South America with the under 19 team, so maybe he thinks I'm better suited to playing up front. It would be OK, if he wanted me to play as a striker. I can adjust my style fairly easily."

Barnes had a below average season in 1978 but there are a number of reasons for this.

"Early in 1978 my father died," remembers Barnes, "and that had an influence on my soccer. On top of that, I started a university course and became a full-time student."

"I hadn't studied since I did my HSC in 1971, so going back to school was strange. It added a bit more strain and I'm sure my soccer suffered."

Barnes is doing a three-year course in environmental studies, which takes in biology and earth sciences.

Barnes' career with Sydney City began nine years ago when he joined Hakoah (Sydney city's previous name) as a 16-year-old.

"I played with Kuringai as a junior," said Murray, "and was selected in a number of youth representative teams."

"I was in the under 16 state team, which was coached by Billy Stoovis. Billy was also third grade coach at Hakoah, and he asked me to come down to the club."

"But Hakoah didn't know how lucky it was to get Barnes."

Barnes returned and within two seasons had played first team for Hakoah in the NSW State League.

He made his first appearance as a substitute at the age of 17 and after that tottered on the verge of a regular first team place.

The coach at the time was Dave MacLaren, now manager of South Melbourne Hellas.

"I had no gripes with MacLaren," said Barnes, "but there were a few players in the team who didn't mind one bit when he left. Then again, MacLaren is still very good friends with other players."

"MacLaren and Chaldi have different attitudes towards players. Gerry respects the players and our private lives. He tries to get an even balance so our private life isn't upset."

"Dave tended to be friends with some players but didn't want to have much to do with the rest. He treated them as soccer players who were there to do something for him and bugger everything else."

Readers will be interested to hear Barnes' opinion of Jimmy Shoulder.

"Jim was a good coach," he said, "but he didn't have enough experience at handling people. The national side was only his second or third team."

Expect big things from Barnes, the bronzed Aussie, this season.

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Hertha visit for Corio's anniversary

Fourth Division Corio hopes to organise a visit by West German amateur team Hertha Berlin to celebrate its silver anniversary in 1980.

Hertha Berlin, which has made several tours of Australia including one late last season, has close ties with the German-backed Corio.

Corio president Harry Pettig

'Boro rockets towards the top

Eight years ago a group of Mauritian migrants started a soccer club in the Springvale area, not realising they were starting one of the biggest success stories seen since Mooroolbark went from the Fourth Division to the national league in 10 years.

Keysborough, previously known as Nth. Springvale, is preparing for its first season in the Metropolitan Division Four after a whirlwind rise from obscurity.

The club spent six seasons in the District League, winning the championship twice, finishing second once and winning the District League Cup once.

The Keysborough reserve side won the District League Reserve Cup on one occasion.

But it was in 1977, when admitted to the Provisional League Division Two, that Keysborough took off in a blaze of glory.

In its first season in higher company the club won promotion, finishing second behind local rivals Nth. Dandenong (no connection with Keysborough, despite adoption of that club's former name).

Last season, Keysborough once again won promotion.

The success of the club can be put down to the quality of players. Keysborough had several top Mauritian players to spearhead its rise.

They included Albert Chung, Charles Jean, Sylvio Durand, Gerry Grounelli, Guy Conal and Cyril Schellebeck.

Durand transferred to Hakoah soon after coming to Australia, and played in the State League for several years. Keysborough, later bought him back for \$2,500.

Keysborough changed its name after the Springvale council persuaded the club to move to the south of the suburb. In the north and central areas, First Division Springvale City was the main club and if Keysborough had stayed its long-term development would be hindered.

Keysborough now has a good ground, complete with a sprinkler system and drainage. The Coomoora Road Reserve has clubrooms and a car park, and with 250 financial members, the club can look forward to continued growth.

Keysborough's coach this season is Max Scapron, who played with the club for four years and was physical fitness trainer for the past three.

has several close friends within the Hertha club.

Corio wants to organise a tournament involving Hertha and several top German teams. Corio would be represented by a 'Georgian Select XI'.

The last time a Geelong combined team played Hertha Berlin, the result was a 9/1 victory for the visitors.

Joe Malešić of Corio saved a total whitewash by scoring Geelong's only goal.

Corio were established 25 years ago but 1979 is the club's 24th year of soccer.

John Slade has been appointed coach for the 1979 season. A few players have yet to return, but Corio is hopeful of retaining most of its playing staff.

Players expected to produce big things this season are Phil Glazebrook, Steve Nickolovski, Malenko Bosniak and Rodney Van der Chaps.

Corio's new dressing rooms at Hume Reserve have been completed. Work began last September, and now Corio offers separate changing and showering facilities for home and away teams, and a referees' changing room.

M'land builds

Moreland, which returns to the First Division after a 10-year absence, is negotiating with four players to bolster the club's playing staff.

Coach Sandy Henderson, re-appointed after guiding Moreland to second spot in the Second Division, has promotion the last team's main strengthening for the higher division.

Moreland has lost only one player from its 1978 squad. **Johnny Wallace**, who had been with the club two seasons, is expected to transfer to Third Division Park Rangers.

On the administration side, **Archie Tamhill** has replaced Bob Murdoch as secretary. Murdoch is now vice-president.

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Victorian Metropolitan League



Father Richard Gamanski (second left, standing) with the junior team he coached at Polonia. Gamanski is trying to lure some of the players to Ardeer, where he is senior coach.

LORD MAYOR JOINS PRAHRAN CITY

Prahran City, the oldest soccer club in Victoria, has made the Lord Mayor of Melbourne, Councillor Ivan Rockman, its number one ticket holder.

The late Sir Robert Menzies and the late Harry Dockerty, a famous name in the history of Victorian soccer, were two others to have graced Prahran's leading membership position.

The new administration at Prahran has decided to revive

the traditional honoring of a public figure, after the idea had been dropped a couple of seasons back.

Prahran, established in 1881, is fast approaching its 100th year, and the naming of a number one ticket holder is just one idea planned to mark the centenary year.

Prahran will once again run the Moomba Compo Cup on Moomba Monday. The competition has been very successful in past seasons, and it's the 11th year for the knock out tournament.

Twelve clubs enter teams (11-a-side), and play group matches before the finals.

Presenting the trophy this season will be **Tony De Domenico**, a local candidate for a seat in State Parliament.

Bill McGowan will coach Prahran this season. The former Third Lannark (Scotland) professional has represented Victoria on a number of occasions.

He played at Melbourne in the State League under former national coach **Role Rasie**, and has qualified for a senior coaches badge in the Australian coaching system.

NEW PAVILION FOR F.T.G.

Second Division Ferntree Gully is planning to 'sell' the club in the Knox area.

The club's effort to promote itself will kick off this season with the opening of a new \$90,000 pavilion.

Ferntree Gully distributed 400 posters in the local areas during the early months of this season, advertising the club's junior section.

The result: a 50% increase in the number of junior players regis-

tered with the club. The number stands at 150.

Encouraged by the results, Ferntree Gully will push on.

The club recently moved into its new ground at Knox Park, a \$250,000, 74 acre sports complex.

The pavilion, situated in the Knox Park complex, gives Ferntree Gully something to offer new club members.

The soccer club shares the Knox Park complex with the Knox-Sherbrooke Amateur Athletic club, the Knoxfield Cricket

team, the Moomba Compo Cup on Moomba Monday. The competition has been very successful in past seasons, and it's the 11th year for the knock out tournament.

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NIGHTS FOR MEADOWS?

Third Division Broadmeadows is planning to play several of its home matches this season under lights at Laura Douglas Reserve.

The ground has excellent floodlights and the club is anxious to make the most of its asset.

Since the opening of Broadmeadows clubrooms and floodlit ground in 1975, only one official night game has been played, a Cumberland Cup fixture.

In order to play league or cup games at night, Broadmeadows would have to get permission from the Victorian Soccer Federation and agreement from the opposition club.

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Ilan Reid is the new coach of Broadmeadows. Reid is a former Slavia and George Cross player, and has represented Victoria.

Paul Gosling and **Sammy Scinto** have left Broadmeadows, but the club isn't expecting to finalise any transfers bringing players into the club until at least mid-February.

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Royal Park official said that with the help of Emin, the club hoped to win promotion to the Fourth Division of the Metropolitan League.

Phil Talbot is in his 10th season with Mornington.

Mornington has appointed as coach former State representative **Nick van Emond**. The former Ringwood City star last season was player-coach of Ringwood.

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Gamanski to lift Ardeer

Soccer clubs in the Sunshine area trying to get assistance from the local council may have more luck trying to get water from a rock.

The Sunshine municipality is governed by a commissioner after the council was dissolved over 18 months ago, but the commissioner takes the appearance of the local council in the north of the local soccer clubs.

He is **Mr Alex Gillon**, the president of the Victorian Football Association.

Needless to say, soccer gets minimal support from local authorities.

North Sunshine and Western Suburbs have been the clubs that have had to battle the council for badly-needed ground improvements, and now, after many years suffering, Ardeer's ground has had some work done to improve its condition.

New grass has been sown and is taking well. However, the ground has little chance once the season starts. Two senior and four junior teams will play in the ground each weekend.

Ardeer spokesman **Cecil Sady** said the Helene St ground also had the flood lighting improved.

"The extra lighting is a big boost for the player," he said. "The old lighting was adequate, but only a portion of the ground was not lit at all."

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Canberra youngsters triumph

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(Farrell 70th, Bailey 74th)
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STH MELB: Reilly — Pyc, Baxter, Kalafadis, Turner — Lutton, Wright, Drakewell — Cummings, Evans, Campbell.

CANBERRA: Hoszowski — Kawaleta, Starke, Salgado, Riess — Grujicic, Farrel, Davies — Lustica (Bailey), Aquero (Byrne), Tavaleks (O'Neill).

Seven of the 13 players Canberra coach Vic Fernandez fielded in this shock victory are under 21 and four of them — Phil Riess, Costa Tavaleks, Jose Aquero and Bernard Lustica — are other 17 or 18.

British imports Isaac Farrell (ex-Motherwell) and George Bailey (Manchester United apprentice) made their debut for Canberra and Farrell, along with midfield John Davies, was the team's best player.

Region trials

Victorian junior Regional Trials are now in full swing. The Central Region U/14s had their first trials last Sunday and will continue trials every Sunday at 10 am at Middle Park.

The U/12 Central Region will hold their first trials on February 24 at 10 am at Highgate High School, Bluff Rd, Sandringham. Contact Mr. Cooper on 758 0750. The trials for the Dandenong U/14s will be held on March 3 at 10 am at Dandenong.

Perth Region under 13 trials will take place on Saturday at Warratich Reserve, Warratich Avenue, Doveton, commencing at 1.30 pm.

Perth Region under 14 trials will start on Sunday at 10 am at Baxter Reserve. Frankston/Flinders Road, Baxter, Coach S. Phillips (789 5142) and Manager H. Antill (783 2237).

Dandenong Region under 12 trials start on Saturday, March 3 at 9.30 am at Sixth Avenue, Waverley.

Coach is Mr. J. W. Weller (789 7449) and Manager Mr. Neale (550 6078).

There will be a Northern Region meeting of all clubs at Coburg club house, Hobson St, Coburg, Sheppard Street, Coburg Road, North Coburg at 8 pm on Wednesday, March 7.

Northern Regional Trials for U/12, U/13, U/14, U/15 will take place at following:

Under 12: March 10 at Banville Flats Reserve, off Buckingham Ave, Heidelberg at 10 am.

Under 13: February 24 at Fawkner Sports Ground, off Jakes Road, Fawkner, at 10 am.

Under 14: February 24 at Watson Soccer Ground, off Jakes Road, Watson, at 10 am.

Under 15: Sunday, February 25 at 1 pm, Gladstone Park, Beeling Rd, off Macmara St, Strathmore.

Under 12 contact Mr. Crossley 338 2555.

Under 13: M. Train 338 8757.

Under 14: M. S. Hackett 465 5487.

Under 15: Mr. Saglam 335 2339.

Co-ordinator Mr. Crossley 338 2558.



Canberra's Phil Riess

South Melbourne playing with more purpose and aggression in the first half, appeared set for an easy victory and it was no surprise that **Duncan Cummings** scored his customary goal after 24 minutes.

But a transformation came over the Canberra team after half time, due largely to the inclusion of **Terry Byrne** and **George Bailey** who added much needed punch and vigour to the attack.

Davies and Farrell took complete control of the game and in the 49th minute Farrell walked the ball past two defenders and past goalkeeper **Jack Reilly** to level the scores.

Only four minutes later, in a goalmouth scramble, Bailey cleanly slammed the ball past the stranded defence into the net for the winning goal.

There is no doubt the individual ability of the South Melbourne team, but the team is playing as three separate units — back four, middle three and front three.

The players are performing as individuals.

For the second successive week, **Peter Laumets** sat on the bench for the next 90 minutes, while **John Reilly**, who, incidentally, was one of the better South players — kept goal.

It means that coach **Dave MacLaren** must have decided on Reilly as the No. 1 goalkeeper and that Laumets (\$15,000 from Macedonia) will be the most expensive substitute in the Philips League. — BOBBY MCLACHLAN.

Boys wanted

The under 14 and under 16 teams of Preston Macedonia need new players. All interested should contact John Kalincev, on 425 2404 for details. They must have a knowledge of soccer and the team will be committed to the coach.

Frankston's **Freddy Bunce** is a definite players' coach, rejects the idea that shouting and abusing players will improve a lax training session, so he often starts a simple exercise from scratch to get his players working.

And that often involves Bunce doing the opposite to show how easily it is to do.

If the players aren't motivated to work in training," said Bunce, "I'll often get poor quality, if my players get lax, I'll stop the session and do the particular exercise myself."

"The players then think, 'Hell, if he can do it, why are we making a mess of it?'" Most times the players will respond and make a rapid improvement.

This technique is only one of many new styles Frankston players are slowly getting used to. Bunce's style, heavily-influenced by his involvement in the Australian coaching scheme in which he is a staff coach, is foreign to most of the Bayiders' club's players.

A coach who has never been coached in that style before," said Bunce. "As a result we haven't been able to progress as quickly as I would have liked."

"At Frankston we have been concentrating on the principles of play. The players are now understanding the style, so we will have something to build on."

The players, Ringwood City coach, who said he can praise for the way he kept the eastern suburbs team's head above water in the relegation zone during his stay, is out to something positive with his new club.

"I was always up against it at Ringwood," said Bunce. "I

Spotlight on Victorian State League coaches

Brian Edgley: he'll take no nonsense

By KYLE PATTERSON

When Essendon Croatia coach Brian Edgley talks of discipline and exceptional fitness, the subject isn't likely to be Kung Fu or the latest guru-inspired form of meditation.

Edgley is a strict disciplinarian and believes soccer, even at part-time level, requires total devotion.

"Discipline is something that must be established in a team," said. "Players must go by the rules set down by the coach."

"They must be disciplined to play to the best of their ability, and give 100% to their club."

"And if players step out of line, they can expect to get hit where it hurts — in the pocket."

It was Edgley's reputation of being a strong coach which interested Essendon Croatia in the former Mooroolbark, Doveton and South Melbourne boss.

Croatia, the State League champion, has a bigger number of young players than Essendon, however, so Edgley threatened to split the side, keeping his body in good condition and acceding the decisions of his coach.

Edgley added that soccer players lack the dedication of Victorian Football League players.

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But isn't that a little harsh on part-time players?

"It's a price is an amateur," continued Edgley. "You can do what you want, not turn up to training, play with dirty boots or go out on the town the night before a game."

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MONEY MAGIC

with Michael Morley

Over the past three weeks I've recommended some planned entries using 14, 15 and 16 selections.

There are pools punters who want to cover more matches, and it is with them in mind that I dedicate this week's article.

As I previously mentioned, the more games we cover, the better are our chances of success, providing that we arrange our selections into a planned entry.

If we cover up to 16 matches we can make a pretty tight plan for a reasonable outlay. Once we go beyond that number of selections — the cost to maintain a good cover will increase sharply.

My plan for this week uses 22 matches, and in view of this large number of selections — I have attempted to provide a fair cover for a moderate investment.

The plan will require 12 entries of system 11 and at 50 cents an entry the bet will cost \$6.00. This will involve filling in three of the special entry forms for system 11, where four entries can be made on each form.

There are many ways in which 22 matches can be arranged into a planned entry. My 12 entries from 22 matches were arrived at by taking the permutations of 11 from 22 and not using any two matches in consecutive order. For the benefit of the readers who like to see the patterns of numbers — I have made an example list of entries for this type of plan — using match Nos. 1-22. They are as follows:

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22 MATCH PLAN												M.S. - Y.S. = YOURS OR MY SELECTIONS											
M.S.	3	4	5	7	9	10	11	18	20	23	24	28	29	31	35	38	39	41	42	43	44	47	55
Y.S.																							
" 1	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
" 2	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
" 3	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
" 4	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
" 5	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
" 6	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
" 7	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
" 8	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
" 9	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
" 10	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
" 11	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
" 12	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	

Results of all 55 matches on the pools coupon this weekend have been decided by the British Pools Panel following cancellation of play due to poor weather conditions.

Following the panel assessment, there were 10 score draws and five scoreless draws.

Score draws were: 6, 17, 21, 24, 35, 41, 43, 45, 54 and 55.
Scoreless draws were: 8, 13, 14, 29 and 30.

Results of today's English and Scottish football matches were:

ENGLISH DIVISION ONE		AWAY		HOME		AWAY		HOME		AWAY		HOME		AWAY		HOME		AWAY		HOME		
Liverpool	23	1	0	L	F	A	W	D	0	F	A	W	D	0	F	A	W	D	0	F	A	
Arsenal	26	8	5	12	16	28	3	8	3	15	10	36	26	6	1	12	13	4	7	20	22	8
Brighton	26	9	4	22	7	4	6	3	2	15	35	26	10	0	2	23	14	3	5	18	22	3
Southampton	23	6	3	12	8	3	8	2	3	24	22	23	5	2	12	11	4	7	14	23	2	
Leicester	23	4	2	12	13	3	7	1	2	12	23	23	4	5	2	18	17	4	7	11	27	2
England	22	4	5	11	5	5	5	4	9	24	22	23	4	5	4	20	19	4	8	20	20	2
Bristol	27	7	4	3	14	24	3	4	6	10	17	28	27	5	3	12	11	4	7	14	23	2
Tottenham	25	5	3	12	10	4	8	3	7	17	27	25	6	5	3	18	17	4	8	20	20	2
West Ham	22	4	5	12	13	3	7	1	2	12	23	22	5	4	3	18	17	4	7	14	23	2
Sheffield United	22	2	2	12	12	5	4	5	3	13	23	22	2	1	2	12	11	4	7	14	23	2
WBA	23	6	3	12	8	3	8	2	3	24	22	23	5	2	12	11	4	7	14	23	2	
Notts	22	4	5	11	5	5	5	4	9	24	22	23	4	5	4	20	19	4	8	20	20	2
Derby	24	6	4	19	15	22	2	8	2	10	23	22	25	7	5	12	11	4	7	14	23	2
Swansea	24	6	4	19	15	22	2	8	2	10	23	22	25	7	5	12	11	4	7	14	23	2
Wolves	24	6	5	18	22	1	3	6	8	15	18	24	25	8	6	12	11	4	7	14	23	2
Chelsea	25	6	2	15	18	1	3	10	18	20	23	25	9	7	13	12	4	7	14	23	2	
Birmingham	25	6	2	15	18	1	3	10	18	20	23	25	9	7	13	12	4	7	14	23	2	
Leeds	24	6	4	19	15	22	2	8	2	10	23	22	25	7	5	12	11	4	7	14	23	2
Blackburn	24	1	7	2	14	13	2	2	10	10	31	15	25	6	4	10	9	2	7	14	23	2
Cardiff	23	4	3	15	15	1	2	10	10	37	15	25	6	4	10	9	2	7	14	23	2	
Millwall	25	8	2	12	19	1	3	11	17	19	23	25	9	7	13	12	4	7	14	23	2	
ENGLISH DIVISION TWO																						
Brighton	27	1	0	L	F	A	W	D	0	F	A	W	D	0	F	A	W	D	0	F	A	
Crystal Palace	25	7	5	21	10	3	8	1	14	9	33	26	1	0	13	12	4	7	14	23	2	
State	27	7	4	14	20	1	3	7	10	13	33	26	1	0	13	12	4	7	14	23	2	
West Ham	24	8	3	21	11	4	3	4	15	18	30	25	2	1	12	11	4	7	14	23	2	
Fulham	26	3	2	12	12	3	4	19	20	22	30	25	2	1	12	11	4	7	14	23	2	
QPR	25	3	2	12	12	3	4	19	20	22	30	25	2	1	12	11	4	7	14	23	2	
Wolves	25	3	2	12	12	3	4	19	20	22	30	25	2	1	12	11	4	7	14	23	2	
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Cambridge	26	3	8	27	11	3	6	14	23	24	25	25	2	1	12	11	4	7	14	23	2	
Preston	24	6	5	28	15	2	3	7	12	12	25	25	2	1	12	11	4	7	14	23	2	
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